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REPORT OF THE TENNESSEE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE, 2007

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The Tennessee Bird Records Committee (TBRC) is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the Official List of the Birds of Tennessee and ensuring that sightings of rare species are documented accurately and adequately for posterity. Bird sighting reports submitted to the TBRC are reviewed by the six voting members unless the report under review was submitted by one of the voting members, in which case the alternate votes during the review process. After reviewing the report, the members vote whether or not the report sufficiently and accurately documents the observed species and thus constitutes an official record of occurrence for that species within the state. At least five members must vote to accept a report as valid before it is considered an accepted record. Species are placed on the Official List when there is an accepted record of the species that includes an extant, verifiable specimen, photograph, or voice recording along with the written documentation, or there are three accepted, independent sight records (written documentation only). Species with only one or two accepted sight records are placed on the Official List with Provisional status.

This report summarizes the actions taken by the TBRC on sighting reports reviewed during 2007. During that period 30 reports were reviewed with 28 of those accepted as official records. Four species are added to the Official List of the Birds of Tennessee: Cackling Goose, Great Shearwater, South Polar Skua, and Black-throated Sparrow. Additionally, the status of Western Grebe on the Official List is changed from Provisional to Accidental. With these changes, the Official List stands at 406 species including 13 species listed with Provisional status [Edwards, 2007].

TBRC members who voted on the reports reviewed during this period are Kevin Calhoon, Phillip Casteel (alternate), Dean Edwards (Secretary), John Henderson, Don Miller, Dick Preston, and Jan Shaw.

The Committee wishes to thank all who submitted reports and to encourage everyone to document their bird sightings and submit reports of new and rare species to the TBRC for review.

Records Accepted

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*)

Written documentation and a photograph were submitted by Jon Mann for a Fulvous Whistling-Duck in Robertson County initially found by TWRA biologist, Michael Murdock, in late April 2006 and subsequently seen by many observers through at least 19 May 2006. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.

Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*)

The American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) split Cackling Goose from Canada Goose in the Forty-fifth Supplement to the AOU Check-list of North American Birds in 2004 (Banks, et al. 2004). Several reports of Cackling Goose from Tennessee exist in the literature (*e.g.*, [Peeples, 2003]) but lack details. Until the current set of actions, the TBRC had not reviewed any reports for Cackling Goose either before or after the split, and the species did not appear on the Official List. Seven reports of Cackling Goose from across the state were submitted to and reviewed by the TBRC in 2007. Acceptance of these records places Cackling Goose on the Official List with a status of Regular (Edwards 2007). All of the reports that could be identified to subspecies were determined by the TBRC to be "Richardson's" Cackling Goose (*B. h. hutchinsii*). Details of the individual reports follow.

- Written documentation was submitted by Richard Knight for a Cackling Goose initially found by Knight and Bill Grigsby on 26 December 2004 on South Holston River in Sullivan County during the Bristol Christmas Bird Count. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.
- Written documentation was submitted by Richard Knight for two Cackling Geese observed from 14 January to at least 22 January 2005 on Boone's Creek in Washington County. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.
- Written documentation by Richard Knight and photographs by Bryan Stevens (Figure 1) were submitted for a Cackling Goose at Fishery Park in Erwin, Unicoi County, that was seen and photographed my many observers from 30 December 2005 until at least 14 February 2006. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.
- Written documentation and photographs were submitted by Michael Todd for six Cackling Geese observed on 24 November 2006 at the Britton Ford area in the Big Sandy Unit of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge in Henry County. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.
- Written documentation and photographs were submitted by John Walko for over 30 Cackling Geese at Shelby Farms in Memphis, Shelby County, from 9 December to at least 26 December 2006. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.

- Written documentation was submitted by Tom Howe for five Cackling Geese observed on 27 January 2007 in Alcoa, Blount County. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.
- Written documentation was submitted by Richard Knight for four Cackling Geese observed on 20 February 2007 in Holston Valley in Sullivan County. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.

Figure 1. "Richardson's" Cackling Goose with Canada Geese at Fishery Park in Erwin, Unicoi County, TN. Photo by Bryan Stevens, January 2006.

Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*)

Written documentation by Dean Edwards and photographs by David Johnson (Figure 2) were submitted for a male Mottled Duck at Dutch Bottoms on Douglas Lake in Jefferson and Cocke Counties. The bird was initially found by Edwards on 5 September 2006 and subsequently seen and photographed by many observers through at least 9 September 2006. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0 becoming the second accepted record of Mottled Duck in Tennessee and the first from East Tennessee. The species is currently listed as Accidental on the Official List.

Figure 2. Male Mottled Duck at Douglas Lake, Jefferson and Cocke Counties, TN. Photo by David Johnson, 9 September 2006.

Figure 3. Western Grebe on Norris Lake in Grainger County. Photo by Evan James, 27 August 2002.

Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*)

Written documentation by Dean Edwards and Tim Pruitt and photographs by Edwards, Pruitt, and Evan James (Figure 3) were submitted for a single Western Grebe on Norris Lake in Grainger County at the mouths of Hogskin and Williams Creeks. The bird was initially found and photographed by Pruitt and David Harrell on 22 August 2002 and subsequently seen and photographed by multiple observers through 15 September 2002. This record was accepted with a vote of 6-0, and the status of Western Grebe on the Official List is changed from Provisional to Accidental.

Written documentation and photographs were submitted by Michael Todd for two Western Grebes initially found by Todd on 23 December 2005 and subsequently seen and photographed by multiple observers through at least 5 March 2006 at the Britton Ford and Pace Point areas of the Big Sandy Unit of Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge in Henry Co. This record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.

Great Shearwater (*Puffinus gravis*)

Written documentation by Chris Sloan and photographs by Denise Weyer were submitted for a Great Shearwater that was discovered in Murfreesboro, Rutherford County on 31 August 2005 following the passage of Hurricane Katrina. The bird was taken to Walden's Puddle rehabilitation facility for treatment of a broken leg but eventually died (Sloan 2011) (Note that the cited article incorrectly cites 11 August 2005 as the date of discovery). The specimen was prepared by David Vogt and donated to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga collection (tag number: UTCB 147). This record was accepted with a vote of 6-0 placing Great Shearwater on the Official List with a status of Accidental (Edwards 2007).

Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*)

Written documentation by Jon Dunn (compiled by Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.) and photographs by Joe Guinn (Figure 4) were submitted for two Band-rumped Storm Petrels observed by several individuals at Pickwick Lake in Hardin County on 30 August 2005 following the passage of Hurricane Katrina. This record was accepted with a vote of 6-0 becoming the second accepted record of Band-rumped Storm-Petrel in Tennessee.

Figure 4. One of two Band-Rumped Storm-Petrels observed on Pickwick Lake in Hardin County following Hurricane Katrina. Photo by Joe Guinn, 30 August 2005.

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)

Written documentation by Jon Dunn (compiled by Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.) and photographs by Michael Todd were submitted for a Magnificent Frigatebird observed by several individuals at Pickwick Lake in Hardin County on 30 August 2005 following the passage of Hurricane Katrina. This record was accepted with a vote of 6-0 becoming the third record of Magnificent Frigatebird for Tennessee.

"Great White" Heron (*Ardea herodias occidentalis*)

Written documentation and photographs were submitted by Warren Bielenberg for a single bird of the "Great White" Heron subspecies of Great Blue Heron from the Little River in Blount County. The bird was found on 5 December 2006 and continued until at least 11 January 2007. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.

Clapper Rail (*Rallus longirostris*)

Written documentation and photographs were submitted by David Vogt for a Clapper Rail that was found injured on 23 September 2005 in Hamilton County. The bird was taken to a wildlife rehabilitator, Lou Anne Parington, with a broken wing and leg and eventually had to be euthanized (Vogt 2011). The specimen was prepared by David Vogt and donated to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga collection (tag number: UTCB 148). The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0 and becomes the second record of Clapper Rail for Tennessee.

South Polar Skua (*Stercorarius maccormicki*)

Written documentation, photographs, and solicited input were submitted for a South Polar Skua present on Pickwick Lake in Hardin County on 30-31 August 2005 following the passage of Hurricane Katrina. Independent written documentation was submitted by Jon Dunn (compiled by Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.) and Michael Todd. Photographs were submitted by Joe Guinn (Figure 5), Michael Todd and Jeff Wilson. Solicited input on the sighting was provided by Chris Benesh, Ned Brinkley, Alvaro Jaramillo, Joseph Morlan, Peter Pyle and Richard Webster. The record was accepted with votes of 6-0 for Dunn's report and 6-0 for Todd's report. South Polar Skua is added to the Official List with a status of Accidental. This is the second accepted record of South Polar Skua from a land-locked state or providence.

Figure 5. South Polar Skua on Pickwick Lake in Hardin County. Photo by Joe Guinn, 30 August 2005.

Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)

Written documentation was submitted by Jon Dunn (compiled by Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.) for a Long-tailed Jaeger found on Pickwick Lake in Hardin County on 30 August 2005 following the passage of Hurricane Katrina. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.

Sooty Tern (*Onychoprion fuscatus*)

Written documentation was submitted by Jon Dunn (compiled by Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.) for at least 2 Sooty Terns on Pickwick Lake in Hardin County on 30 August 2005 following the passage of Hurricane Katrina. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.

Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*)

Written documentation by Jon Dunn (compiled by Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.) and photographs by Michael Todd were submitted for a Black Skimmer at Pickwick Lake in Hardin County on 30 August 2005 following the passage of Hurricane Katrina. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0 becoming the third accepted record of Black Skimmer for Tennessee.

Inca Dove (*Columbina inca*)

Written documentation by Ben Britton and a photograph by Rack Cross were submitted for an Inca Dove present at Britton's home in Hamblen County from 18 October to 14 December 2006 where it was seen and photographed visiting bird feeders by many observers. This record was accepted with a vote of 6-0 and becomes the second accepted record of Inca Dove for Tennessee.

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

Written documentation and photographs by Theresa Graham with comments by Bob Sargent were submitted for a Rufous Hummingbird visiting their feeder in Fayette County on 21-24 November 2005. The record was accepted with a vote of 5-1.

Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*)

Written documentation was submitted by Ralph Brinkhurst for a 1st-winter, female Townsend's Warbler observed on 23 August 2006 in Wilson County. The record was accepted with a vote of 5-1 with the dissenting voter primarily concerned about the early date of the sighting. This is the fourth accepted record of Townsend's Warbler for Tennessee.

Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*)

Written documentation by Dean Edwards and photographs by Edwards, Michael O'Malley (Figure 6), and Jeff Wilson were submitted for a Black-throated Sparrow from Lincoln County. The bird was originally found by Morris Williams on 29 November 2005 and was subsequently seen and photographed by many observers through 10 April 2006. The record was accepted with a vote of 6-0, and Black-throated Sparrow is added to the Official List with a status of Accidental.

Figure 6. Black-throated Sparrow in Lincoln County. Photo by Michael O'Malley, 27 January 2006.

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)

Written documentation and photographs were submitted by Shelly Stokely Przewrocki for an adult male Summer Tanager that visited their feeders in Knox County from 9-17 December 2006 representing one of only a handful of winter reports for Summer Tanager in Tennessee. This record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*)

Written documentation and a photograph were submitted by Carolyn Skremsky for a male Painted Bunting that visited their feeder in Knox County on 13 January 2007. This record was accepted with a vote of 5-1 and is the first reviewed and accepted record of Painted Bunting from East Tennessee and the first winter record for the state.

Common Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*)

Written details by Bill Pulliam and photographs by Pulliam, Michael Hodge (Figure 7), and Michael Todd were submitted for a Common Redpoll present at Pulliam's feeders in Lewis County from 18 February to 9 March 2007. This record was accepted with a vote of 6-0.

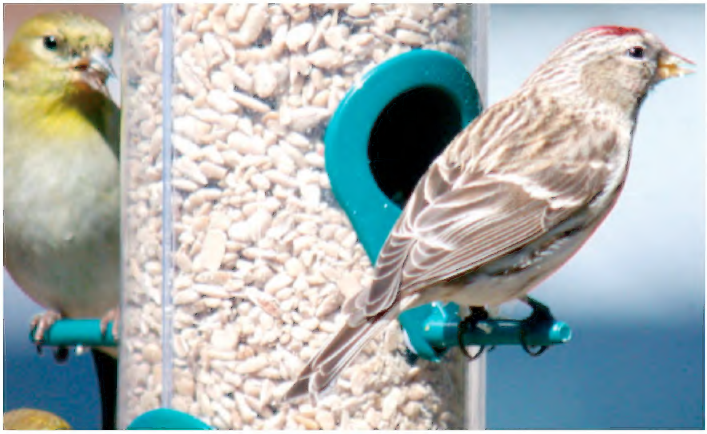

Figure 7. Common Redpoll at feeder with American Goldfinches in Lewis County. Photo by Michael Hodge, 27 February 2007.

Reports Not Accepted

Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*)

Written details and video were submitted for an observation from Knox County on 17 May 2002. This report was not accepted with a vote of 0-6. Voter comments mentioned that the bird was suggestive of Bicknell's Thrush but that available evidence was insufficient to rule out the *minima* subspecies of Gray-cheeked Thrush.

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*)

Written details were submitted for a heard-only observation from Sevier County on 22 January 2007. This report was not accepted with a vote of 0-6 with voter comments citing insufficient evidence to eliminate other species.

Corrigenda

Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*)

In the 2007 Update to the Official List of the Birds of Tennessee (Edwards 2007), Common Merganser was inadvertently omitted from the list of confirmed breeders (see [Nicholson, 1997]).

Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*)

In the 2005 TBRC Report (Todd 2005), the correct date for the Gull-billed Tern record should be 22 May 2004.

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Editors' note: This report is previously unpublished; it is included here because of its historical importance.

IN MEMORIAM: BARBARA HART STEDMAN (1 September 1936-20 March 2012)

Stephen J. Stedman
Cookeville, Tennessee

Barbara H. Stedman died unexpectedly in Cookeville on the first day of spring 2012, leaving a lasting legacy of dedicated service to the cause of bird conservation. Her birding career began in Pensacola, Florida, in the mid-1970s. She moved to Tennessee in December 1977, becoming a member of TOS in 1978 and a life member in 1988. Besides taking part in dozens of bird counts in Cookeville, Putnam County, she was active on many more counts throughout the surrounding Upper Cumberland Region from 1987 to December 23, 2011, when she took part in her last CBC. Barb also took part in a Breeding Bird Census and a Winter Bird Population Study near her home in Putnam County during the early 1990s, as well as a Breeding Bird Census at Whig Meadow in the Cherokee National Forest during the same period. During the late 1990s and early 2000s she collected much of the data that went into a book she co-authored, *Notes on the Birds of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area and the Obed Wild and Scenic River* (2002). Almost all of the data relating to the Obed Wild and Scenic River in that book was collected by Barb, much of it by canoeing the Class III-IV white-water rivers (Clear Creek and the Obed River) in the park many dozens of times.

Perhaps Barb's finest contribution to Tennessee ornithology involved conducting bird inventories at four National Park Service units under contract with NPS. These included inventories at the Obed Wild and Scenic River, Stones River National Battlefield (*The Migrant* 78 (2): 45-57), Fort Donelson National Battlefield (*The Migrant* 81 (2): 61-74), and Shiloh National Military Park. The field work for these inventories was performed almost entirely by Barb from 2003 to 2006. During the same years, she also single-handedly completed field work for bird inventories at Russell Cave National Monument (*Alabama Birdlife* 52 (2): 37-46) and Little River Canyon National Preserve (*Alabama Birdlife* 53 (2): 33-46) in northern Alabama, as well as performing more limited work for bird inventories at the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area in Kentucky and Tennessee and at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia and Tennessee. As extensive as it was, Barb's field work in Tennessee was surpassed by her field work in Florida where she was a block-buster during the Florida breeding bird atlas project, where she conducted approximately 150 Breeding Bird Surveys, and where she accumulated a vast array of data at St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge, particularly documenting the shorebirds of that site by participating in the International Shorebird Survey.

A memorial ceremony was conducted for Barb 16 April 2012 at the Lilly Bridge over Clear Creek within her beloved Obed Wild and Scenic River. She will be remembered for her green knee boots, worn winter and summer during field work, for her bright and cheerful smile, for her thoughtful consideration toward all, and for her unstinting dedication to the birds of Tennessee and other states.

MINUTES OF THE TOS 2012 SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 19 May 2012

JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE

The Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Ornithological Society (TOS) was held 18-20 May 2012 as a joint meeting with the Virginia Society of Ornithology (VSO) in Johnson City, Tennessee. The meeting was hosted by the Bristol Chapter of TOS and VSO. Field trips were offered to Roan Mountain, Hampton Creek Cove, Unaka Mountain, Western Washington County and Shady Valley as well as an evening Saw-whet owling trip to Big Bald and Carver's Gap on Friday night. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm on 19 May 2012 by President Dick Preston. Secretary Cyndi Routledge verified that a quorum was present. The minutes of the Fall 2011 were approved as written.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AT LARGE

PRESIDENT: Dick Preston reported that The Discover Birds Activity Books produced by Cyndi Routledge (NTOS)/Vickie Henderson (KTOS) have all been sold and the $750 seed money recovered. President Preston encouraged members and chapters to submit all data to eBird, and asked all chapters to report new officers and directors and their current contact information to TOS Secretary, Treasurer, Curator and President, and to make sure that all chapters with their own websites keep them up-to-date.

VICE PRESIDENTS: Martha Waldron and Melinda Welton were in attendance, but had no report. Tony King was not present and did not send a report.

DIRECTORS AT LARGE: Donna Ward was not present; Steven Routledge and Larry Routledge were in attendance but had no reports.

TREASURER: Mac McWhirter reported that the financial condition of TOS remains strong. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Society had revenues totaling $19,153 and expenses of $7,086, resulting in a surplus of $12,067. Lower expenses for the year were a product of printing only one issue of *The Migrant* and issuing no Conservation and Research grants. Currently we are reserving sufficient funds to cover the cost of delinquent issues of *The Migrant*. The Conservation and Research Restricted Fund stands at $11,773.

The investments of the Society remain stable with a balanced allocation of approximately 50% in mutual funds and 50% in bond funds, all held with Vanguard. The balance as of December 31, 2011 was $236,294 and had grown to over $254,000 during the first quarter of 2012. During the second quarter the market value had fallen back to $246,000.

Mac McWhirter also offered congratulations and thanks to Melinda Welton, Vicki Henderson and Cyndi Routledge for their leadership and dedication in making the Crane Festival in Dayton a tremendous success. Cyndi Routledge was commended for her diligence in getting the Crane Festival children's activity book funded, published and now sold out in

a very short time. TOS funds for the initial printing have been completely recouped and a slight surplus recorded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: Mac McWhirter reported that for the first time in a several years there has been a slight net increase in memberships.

CURATOR: Chuck Nicholson was not present but sent a request that chapters not having their own webpage send updates to Mac McWhirter, Treasurer, Cyndi Routledge, Secretary and Chuck Nicholson, Curator. There are ongoing issues with the links on the TOS webpage.

THE MIGRANT : Editor David Aborn was not in attendance but sent a report that the next issue of *The Migrant* is in final mark up and will go to print with the acceptance of one last review. The following issue is laid out and will follow in short order.

THE TENNESSEE WARBLER : Editor Theresa Graham reported that the deadline for the next issue is 7 July 2012.

TENNESSEE BIRD RECORDS: Chair Kevin Calhoon was not in attendance but submitted the following report: The committee is voting on the last round of birds, which are White-winged Dove from President's Island by Scott Somershoe, Glaucous Gull by Chris Sloan from the Duck River NWR and the Hooded Oriole from Lincoln County by Eden Powell. Once this round is complete the committee will vote on the record of the Hooded Crane at Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge from this winter. Kevin reports that he has been working with Mark Brogie, secretary of the Nebraska Bird Records Committee, with their sighting of Hooded Crane from spring 2011. The committee further reports they have researched and contacted everyone involved with Hooded Cranes in captivity, including the American Zoological Association, which maintains the studbook of the species back to the 1960's. The committee has also sought help from the International Crane Foundation, which will provide further information. The Nebraska BRC is currently in the process of voting on the Hooded Crane record.

CONSERVATION POLICY: Co-chair Gregg Elliot was not in attendance; Co-chair Melinda Welton was present and reported that the terms of all the current members of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Committee will end on 30 June 2012 as designated by the TN Legistlature, and that new appointments will be made by recommendation of Governor Haslam. She encouraged all members to call or write the Governor's office to encourage him to consider broadening his choices of Commissioners beyond just sportsmen. She also reminded the membership that the Sandhill Crane hunt issue will come up again in January 2013. She also reported that TOS has signed on to letters regarding wind energy guidelines and banning of toxic lead in ammunition.

CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH FUNDING : Chair Michael Collins was not in attendance, and there was no report.

FINANCE: Ron Hoff reported that Jim Ferguson from the Memphis Chapter conducted the audit for 2011. Mr. Ferguson found the finances for 2011 to be in good order with no

irregularities. There is a need for a new Finance Committee chair once Ron Hoff takes over as TOS President in Spring of 2013.

COLLATRAL MATERIALS: Chair Donna Ward was not in attendance – Dick Preston reported that he had patches available for purchase.

TN-BIRD: Moderator Wallace Coffey reported Tennessee birders posted nearly 400 messages in April 2012. During the calendar year of 2011, Tn-birds posted 2469 reports. Currently there are 671 subscribers and of those subscribers 80% posted to Tn-bird. The site continues to grow since TOS took ownership of the listserv in 2003.

OLD BUSINESS

Constitution Committee members Susan McWhirter (present), Richard Conners (absent), and Danny Gaddy (present) proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws, which they believe will clarify some confusing language and make constitutional a long -standing voting practice. As require by the Constitution, the proposed changes were published in *The Tennessee Warbler* at least 30 days prior to this meeting.

The committee proposed the following: Article II – Membership, Section 1 currently states "....the membership shall consist of Active, Family, Sustaining, Life, Honorary and Student member..." The Committee proposes that "Active" be changed to "Individual" in this section and all subsequent sections which are Aritcle VII, Section 3 and the Dues section of the By-laws. Article VII – Meetings and Quorum, Section 3 currently states "...Voting members are defined as Active, Sustaining, Life, Honorary and Family memberships, which shall have one vote." The Committee proposed the following change: "Voting memberships are defined as Individual, Sustaining, Life and Honorary each of which shall have one vote, and Family Membership which shall have no more than two votes, one for each adult present." The Board of Directors voted and endorsed both recommendations. The full membership will vote tonight.

Fall Meeting – Steve Routledge reported that the 2012 fall meeting will be held 12 13, 14 October in Nashville. Host hotel will be the Baymont Inn in Brentwood. Registration forms will be available in the next issue of the Warbler.

2013 Annual Spring Meeting – The Knoxville Chapter will host the spring 2013 TOS meeting. Billie Cantwell and Ron Hoff will serve as co-chairs.

2013 Fall Meeting – pending

2014 Annual Spring Meeting – Chattanooga

2014 Fall Meeting – pending

2015 Annual Spring Meeting and 100th Year Anniversary Kick-off – Nashville

NEW BUSINESS

Melinda Welton (NTOS) initiated discussion of updating the TOS logo, and members were asked to discuss this at the chapter level. Action was deferred until recommendations and input from chapters are received. Ed Schneider volunteered to provide a camera ready

copy of the current logo as a temporary fix.

Dick Preston and Melinda Welton reported on the on-going work of the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) in opposing Mountaintop Mining (Lands Unsuitable for Mining) in Tennessee. They suggested that TOS make a monetary donation to SELC to show support of their efforts. Melinda Welton made a motion that TOS donate $2500 to SELC. Mac McWhirter seconded the motion. A discussion took place and then Mac Mc Whirter offered an amendment that a donation of $1000 be made to SELC; Ron Hoff seconded. Amended motion passed unanimously.

Dick Preston informed the membership that the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) has initiated a lawsuit against the EPA because EPA has refused to act on removing toxic lead from ammunition. A conservative estimate is that more than 10 million birds are killed from ingesting lead from spent ammunition every year. The CBD has offered TOS the opportunity to join the suit as co-plaintiffs. The Center will assume all financial and legal liabilities. Danny Gaddy made the motion that we sign on to the lawsuit as co-plaintiffs. Martha Walton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Preston and Billie Cantwell informed the BOD of TVA's apparent new tree cutting process and decision to clear cut their right-of-way over 1600 miles of easement. This results in over-cutting of timber, destruction of nesting sites and unnecessary deaths of thousands of birds and mammals. Injunctions have been filed and a lawsuit is pending. TVA has refused all alternative suggestions. The membership will be asked to write letters or make phone calls at the appropriate time. The Knoxville chapter is actively working to find nests, conduct point counts and watch for violations of the Migratory Bird Act and notify the appropriate authorities.

Breeding Bird Survey (BBS): There are 47 BBS routes in Tennessee, and eight are not being surveyed. Volunteers are desperately needed. Contact Chuck Nicholson, state coordinator, if you are interested. Even with this shortage Tennessee is in the upper tier in coverage.

Hiwassee Land Purchase – Vicki Henderson is working with TWRA to purchase land around the Hiwassee Refuge. Agreements in principle have been drafted and talks are ongoing. The Land Trust for Tennessee is also working on this project.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

TENNESSEE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The TOS Annual Business Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Johnson City as a joint meeting with the Virginia Society of Ornithology. The meeting was called to order by TOS President Dick Preston at 6:45 pm. He welcomed everyone and thanked the Bristol Bird Club for all the hard work in organizing and orchestrating the successful weekend. He also gave a brief recap of the Board of Director's meeting from

earlier in the day.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – Committee member Susan McWhirter presented two proposals for changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as stated previously. She noted that the Board of Directors enthusiastically endorsed both amendments. A motion was made and seconded for each proposal; each passed unanimously.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - This year, in lieu of a Distinguished Service Award, President Dick Preston presented Letters of Commendation to Melinda Welton and Cyndi Routledge for their superior leadership as Co-Chairs of the 2012 Tennessee Sandhill Crane Festival.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The TOS Annual Meeting was followed by presentations of the annual awards of the Virginia Society of Ornithology.

Dr. Fred Alsop III, long time TOS member, world-renowned birder, ornithologist for over 45 years, and Professor of Biology at East Tennessee State University, then presented the evenings program "Trekking With A Birder."

Respectfully submitted,
Cyndi Routledge, Secretary

2012 TENNESSEE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY TRADITIONAL SPRING COUNTS

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The traditional spring bird counts run on dates other than the North American Migration Count date which is the second Saturday in May. These counts sometimes cover more than one county and sometimes cover more than one day. This year 131 observers on 6 counts put in 386.67 party hours in the field. This produced 42,948 individuals, representing 195 species. The species total this year was a bit below the recent average of about 203. Temperatures ranged from a brisk 40° F for the Highland Rim count to a warm 86° F in Nashville.

Notable this year was the sighting of White-winged Dove in White County and Memphis. Northern Bobwhite was reported on all counts, and a Bewick's Wren was reported from Nashville.

Count Summaries

Bledsoe County - 1 May; 0400-1600. Weather: partly cloudy; wind SSW 0-13 mph; 59-84° F. This count is dedicated to the memory of Barbara Hart Stedman. A White-winged Dove was found and photographed 2 days earlier, but could not be found on count day. Observers: Janie C. Finch, Ron Hoff, Edmund K. LeGrand (compiler: 1631 Leffle Webb Rd., Crossville, TN 38572; elegrand@frontiernet.net), Dollyann Myers, Thomas M. Saya, Stephen J. Stedman and Winston A. Walden.

Cumberland County - 28 April; 0335-2000. Weather: partly cloudy; clear in the afternoon; wind SSW 0-10; 57-79° F. This count is dedicated to the memory of Barbara Hart Stedman. Observers: Bruce F. Anderson, Nan E. Beesley, John Cyrus, Douglas A. Downs, Annell S. Fields, Edmund K. LeGrand (compiler: 1631 Leffle Webb Rd., Crossville, TN 38572; elegrand@frontiernet.net), Thomas M. Saya, Stephen J. Stedman and Winston A. Walden.

Elizabethton – 28 April; 0415-2200. Weather: cloudy to partly cloudy; wind varible; 50-81° F. The count area covers Carter County plus parts of adjacent Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington counties. Observers: Fred Alsop, Jim Anderson, Jerry Bevins, Rob Biller, Mark Borgotti, Kevin Brooks, Ron Carrico, Gilbert Derouen, Glen Eller, Harry Lee Farthing, Paul Haynes, Reese Jamerson, David Kirschke, Rick Knight (compiler: 804 N. Hills Dr., Johnson City, TN 37604; rknight8@earthlink.net), Roy Knispel, Tom Laughlin, Richard Lewis, Vickie Lewis, John McCormick, Joe McGuiness, Tom McNeil, Charles Moore, Eric Noblet, Kathy Noblet, Colter Patterson, Brookie Potter, Jean Potter, Nora Schubert, Michele Sparks, Bryan Stevens, Peggy Stevens, Kim Stroud, Gary Wallace, Colton Watts and Mary Anna Wheat.

Highland Rim – 16 April; 0630-1855. Weather: clear; wind 0-10 mph; 40-75° F. Observers: Dwain Adams, Joyce Adams, Don Davidson, John Lamb, Ruth Luckado, Vida Sherwood and Amy Sliger. Non-participating compiler: LouAnn Partington (92 Maple Ave., Tullahoma, TN 37388; louannpartington@yahoo.com).

Knoxville – 29 April; 0530-2000. Weather: sunny; wind W 0-10 mph; 59-84° F. Observers: Jean Alexander, Robin Barrow, Frank Bills, Sharon Bostick, Kevin Burke, Howard Chitwood, Gail Clendenen, Steve Clendenen, K. Dean Edwards (compiler: 1615 Meadow Chase Ln., Knoxville, TN 37931; kde@angst.engr.utk.edu), Chuck Estes, Lola Estes, Carole Gobert, Angela Hoffman, Tom Howe, Susan Hoyle, Bethany Jett, Trent Jett, David Johnson, Kris Johnson, Tony King, Ed Manous, Seth McConchie, Truett Patterson, Talissa Ralph, Kelly Roy, Martha Rudolph, Michael Ryon, Kurt Sickafus, Keith Watson, June Welch and Chris Welsh.

Nashville – 5 May; 0430-2000. Weather; rainy to clear; wind WSW 5-10 mph; 64-86° F. The count area covers parts of Cheatham, Davidson, Rutherford, Sumner, and Williamson counties. Observers: Kristy Baker, Sandy Bivens, Scott Block (co-compiler: sblock01@comcast.net), Susan Bradfield, Trae Bradfield, David Buchanan, Jean Buchanan, Margaret Cameron, Phillip Casteel, Clay Collins, Richard Conners, Jerry Drewry, Durwood Edwards, Daniel Estabrooks, Heather Gallagher, Ed Gleaves, Mark Hackney, Barbara Harris, Margaret Howell, Tom Johnston, Erin Kiney, Tony Lance, David Olmstead, Amy Potter, Ron March, Jan Shaw (co-compiler: 5019 Timberhill Dr., Nashville, TN 37211; JanKshaw@aol.com), Danny Shelton, Chris Sloan, Mike Smith, Scott Somershoe, Joe Stone, Sabin Thompson, Chloe Walker, Nolan Walker, Boyd Williams, Terry Witt, Mary Zimmerman and Stephen Zipperer.

White County – 5 May; 0350-1900. Weather: occasional showers in the morning, then clearing; wind 0-5 mph; 60-85° F. This count is dedicated to the memory of Barbara Hart Stedman. Observers: Daniel L. Combs, Douglas A. Downs (compiler: 403 Gillen Dr., Sparta, TN 38583; douglas_downs@hotmail.com), Judy C. Fuson, Peggy B. Huffstetler, Edmund K. LeGrand, Michael P. O'Rourke, Michele S. O'Rourke, Thomas M. Saya, Stephen J. Stedman, Winston A. Walden and Carole D. Williams.

2012 Spring Counts

Species	Bledsoe Co.	Cumberland Co.	Elizabethton	Knoxville	Nashville	White Co.	TOTALS
Canada Goose	55	107	259	122	111	148	802
Mute Swan	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Wood Duck	6	23	28	38	39	40	174
Gadwall	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
American Black Duck	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Mallard	8	27	103	44	31	32	245
Blue-winged Teal	3	5	48	14	6	11	87
Northern Shoveler	-	-	-	-	9	-	9
Redhead	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Ring-necked Duck	-	-	2	-	1	1	4
Lesser Scaup	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Scaup sp.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Bufflehead	1	1	1	-	-	-	3
Hooded Merganser	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Ruddy Duck	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Northern Bobwhite	6	5	2	5	19	21	58
Ruffed Grouse	-	-	8	-	-	-	8
Wild Turkey	5	7	40	5	69	25	151
Common Loon	-	1	14	-	1	-	16
Pied-billed Grebe	-	-	7	-	2	-	9
Horned Grebe	-	-	3	-	2	-	5
Double-crested Cormorant	-	3	18	21	59	1	102
American Bittern	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Great Blue Heron	3	2	20	69	60	17	171
Great Egret	2	-	-	-	7	1	10
Snowy Egret	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Green Heron	2	3	9	9	9	11	43
Black-crowned Night-Heron	-	-	-	3	9	-	12
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	-	-	2	-	1	-	3
Black Vulture	3	4	35	10	193	149	394
Turkey Vulture	61	41	173	31	66	120	492
Osprey	-	-	13	16	5	-	34
Bald Eagle	-	-	4	3	5	-	12
Northern Harrier	-	-	1	-	1	1	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Cooper's Hawk	-	3	6	3	5	5	22
Accipiter sp.	-	-	-	-	2	-	2

Species	Bledsoe Co.	Cumberland Co.	Elizabethton	Knoxville	Nashville	White Co.	TOTALS
Red-shouldered Hawk	2	11	2	6	8	12	41
Broad-winged Hawk	-	10	20	-	5	5	40
Red-tailed Hawk	3	5	26	13	28	11	86
American Kestrel	6	9	6	2	12	11	46
Sora	-	-	2	1	-	-	3
American Coot	-	5	1	1	4	1	12
Semipalmated Plover	1	-	-	-	-	8	9
Killdeer	22	23	37	31	35	48	196
Spotted Sandpiper	6	3	22	15	2	9	57
Solitary Sandpiper	10	11	34	22	5	13	95
Greater Yellowlegs	2	1	1	-	4	10	18
Willet	-	21	-	-	-	-	21
Lesser Yellowlegs	3	-	14	-	6	10	33
Least Sandpiper	9	1	4	5	11	4	34
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Dowitcher sp.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Wilson's Snipe	-	3	2	-	1	1	7
American Woodcock	-	1	3	-	1	-	5
Ring-billed Gull	-	-	4	-	1	-	5
Caspian Tern	-	-	-	2	1	-	3
Forster's Tern	-	-	8	4	2	-	14
Rock Pigeon	3	12	148	29	59	34	285
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4	-	4	-	7	11	26
White-winged Dove	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Mourning Dove	107	155	202	188	98	339	1089
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	7	1	-	3	19	6	36
Black-billed Cuckoo	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Barn Owl	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Eastern Screech Owl	8	1	6	1	3	2	21
Great Horned Owl	2	2	2	2	3	2	13
Barred Owl	2	6	8	-	8	1	25
Northern Saw-whet Owl	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
Common Nighthawk	-	-	-	-	1	4	5
Chuck-will's-widow	10	4	5	1	9	9	38
Eastern Whip-poor-will	4	46	44	-	17	33	144
Chimney Swift	21	42	180	50	116	48	457
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	6	12	20	3	16	6	63
Belted Kingfisher	1	4	12	11	8	3	39
Red-headed Woodpecker	5	12	5	-	7	19	48

Species	Bledsoe Co.	Cumberland Co.	Elizabethton	Knoxville	Nashville	White Co.	TOTALS
Red-bellied Woodpecker	47	37	55	84	74	70	367
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	3	1	-	-	4
Downy Woodpecker	7	9	29	26	49	13	133
Hairy Woodpecker	2	-	16	7	6	3	34
Northern Flicker	6	10	28	20	8	8	80
Pileated Woodpecker	9	33	44	5	26	17	134
Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	27	15	3	9	51	81	186
Acadian Flycatcher	9	4	6	-	21	27	67
Least Flycatcher	-	-	8	-	2	-	10
Empidinax Sp.	-	-	-	3	-	1	4
Eastern Phoebe	26	56	84	33	35	46	280
Great Crested Flycatcher	23	39	7	14	55	66	204
Eastern Kingbird	27	52	70	38	63	81	331
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	12	-	-	-	8	-	20
Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	3	-	2	2	7
White-eyed Vireo	44	103	11	15	60	56	289
Yellow-throated Vireo	23	33	4	2	19	27	108
Blue-headed Vireo	4	11	114	2	-	5	136
Warbling Vireo	-	-	3	3	12	1	19
Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Red-eyed Vireo	233	370	220	63	72	249	1207
Blue Jay	44	76	185	152	91	76	624
American Crow	135	206	264	142	87	179	1013
Common Raven	-	-	9	-	-	-	9
Horned Lark	-	1	1	1	-	6	9
Purple Martin	53	76	76	22	31	101	359
Tree Swallow	5	48	217	36	23	26	355
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	11	20	116	41	74	32	294
Bank Swallow	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Cliff Swallow	51	-	867	151	341	19	1429
Barn Swallow	108	152	254	129	122	212	977
Carolina Chickadee	44	93	130	108	143	51	569
Tufted Titmouse	104	117	104	106	121	163	715
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	18	-	-	-	18
White-breasted Nuthatch	20	30	21	14	18	16	119
Brown-headed Nuthatch	-	-	-	13	-	-	13
Brown Creeper	-	-	4	-	-	-	4

Species	Bledsoe Co.	Cumberland Co.	Elizabethton	Knoxville	Nashville	White Co.	TOTALS
Carolina Wren	84	130	121	167	110	163	775
Bewick's Wren	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
House Wren	3	23	70	9	7	10	122
Eastern Winter Wren	-	-	13	-	-	-	13
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	65	127	77	29	104	105	507
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	-	10	-	-	-	10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	4	6	3	-	-	14
Eastern Bluebird	92	144	209	132	99	193	869
Veery	-	-	2	-	8	-	10
Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	-	-	-	5	1	6
Swainson's Thrush	-	2	-	2	49	1	54
Hermit Thrush	-	-	4	-	1	1	6
Wood Thrush	32	62	112	29	42	32	309
American Robin	82	410	1146	295	166	210	2309
Gray Catbird	3	26	23	14	9	9	84
Northern Mockingbird	105	88	199	190	117	290	989
Brown Thrasher	29	52	58	65	22	39	265
European Starling	151	425	836	285	788	731	3216
Cedar Waxwing	71	104	108	228	592	51	1154
Ovenbird	39	133	206	8	8	38	432
Worm-eating Warbler	11	20	24	6	9	4	74
Louisiana Waterthrush	6	7	17	4	12	10	56
Northern Waterthrush	2	-	-	3	3	1	9
Blue-winged Warbler	-	9	-	-	9	-	18
Golden-winged Warbler	-	1	7	-	1	-	9
Black-and-white Warbler	27	104	100	6	8	26	271
Prothonotary Warbler	-	-	1	2	30	2	35
Swainson's Warbler	-	-	7	-	1	-	8
Tennessee Warbler	4	3	1	-	25	-	33
Nashville Warbler	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Kentucky Warbler	17	37	2	2	33	25	116
Common Yellowthroat	67	125	33	79	81	98	483
Hooded Warbler	51	179	233	15	12	47	537
American Redstart	8	19	9	1	3	1	41
Cape May Warbler	-	1	2	6	2	-	11
Cerulean Warbler	-	6	-	3	2	1	12
Northern Parula	16	25	31	8	31	35	146
Magnolia Warbler	-	5	-	3	10	1	19
Bay-breasted Warbler	-	-	1	2	3	2	8

Species	Bledsoe Co.	Cumberland Co.	Elizabethton	Knoxville	Nashville	White Co.	TOTALS
Blackburnian Warbler	-	2	26	1	3	1	33
Yellow Warbler	4	11	19	12	16	2	64
Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	6	53	3	8	3	73
Blackpoll Warbler	11	-	-	1	13	5	30
Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	114	-	-	-	114
Palm Warbler	3	4	2	-	14	-	23
Pine Warbler	8	24	9	7	4	8	60
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4	39	28	51	4	-	126
Yellow-throated Warbler	35	55	34	2	11	35	172
Prairie Warbler	58	103	6	1	46	45	259
Black-throated Green Warbler	2	19	110	13	9	6	159
Canada Warbler	-	1	59	-	2	1	63
Yellow-breasted Chat	53	105	7	20	54	60	299
Eastern Towhee	33	100	184	136	77	77	607
Chipping Sparrow	56	156	96	23	30	140	501
Field Sparrow	85	107	77	72	112	105	558
Lark Sparrow	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Savannah Sparrow	2	10	12	15	11	4	54
Grasshopper Sparrow	8	11	3	-	30	15	67
Henslow's Sparrow	1	-	-	-	2	6	9
Song Sparrow	60	149	241	141	22	87	700
Lincoln's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
Swamp Sparrow	-	1	1	1	4	-	7
White-throated Sparrow	-	14	22	18	8	-	62
White-crowned Sparrow	-	-	13	-	1	-	14
Dark-eyed Junco	-	-	117	1	-	-	118
Summer Tanager	14	5	-	11	61	63	154
Scarlet Tanager	41	61	68	27	40	36	273
Northern Cardinal	127	214	187	286	255	281	1350
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	14	24	12	21	3	75
Blue Grosbeak	30	30	1	13	18	56	148
Indigo Bunting	303	306	89	113	198	500	1509
Dickcissel	1	-	-	-	10	17	28
Bobolink	15	2	4	2	45	8	76
Red-winged Blackbird	180	381	535	181	100	415	1792
Eastern Meadowlark	216	299	205	51	65	418	1254
Common Grackle	71	59	319	197	119	191	956
Brown-headed Cowbird	40	74	83	88	137	137	559
Orchard Oriole	17	28	30	36	49	53	213
Baltimore Oriole	-	4	11	8	3	1	27

Species	Bledsoe Co.	Cumberland Co.	Elizabethton	Knoxville	Nashville	White Co.	TOTALS
House Finch	14	33	52	85	49	19	252
Red Crossbill	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Pine Siskin	-	-	21	-	-	-	21
American Goldfinch	16	109	226	94	94	51	590
House Sparrow	41	56	139	43	32	102	413
Total individuals	3990	7091	11499	5386	7023	7959	42948
Total Species	116	128	157	127	165	135	195
Observers	7	9	35	31	38	11	131
Parties	4	6	7	15--19	12	5	34
Party Hours	32	62.5	84	79.42	72	56.75	386.67
Hours by car	29.25	46.6	-	14.22	30	49.25	169.32
Hours on foot	2.75	16	-	65.2	42	7.5	133.45
Hours by boat or other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miles by car	309	500.25	-	179.65	365	443	1796.9
Miles on foot	1	9.5	-	49.65	28	3.5	91.65
Miles by boat or other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hours Owling	2.25	4.5	8.5	1	1.5	3	20.75
Miles Owling	30	30.5	-	-	10	41.25	111.75
Feeder Watchers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feeder Hours	-	-	-	16.75	-	-	16.75

2012 TENNESSEE SPRING NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT 12 May 2012

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This is the sixteenth consecutive year for the Tennessee Spring North American Migration Count (NAMC) which is always run on the second Saturday in May. This year 83 observers in 7 counties (both all-time lows) recorded 40,137 individual birds representing 182 species. This was the 3rd lowest total in the history of the count. White-winged Dove was a new species for this count bringing the all-time total species found on this count to 265. The weather was moderate, but three counts had some rain. Temperatures ranged from 50-77° F. Count highlights included Redhead (3rd count record), Red-breasted Merganser, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Common Gallinule, 14 species of shorebirds, Black-billed Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Bank Swallow and all the warblers except Orange-crowned.

Notable misses this year included gulls, Orange-crowned Warbler, White-throated Sparrow and Painted Bunting.

COUNTY SUMMARIES

Anderson County – 0450-1825. Weather: overcast; 50-68° F. Blue-winged Teal, Red-breasted Merganser, and Stilt Sandpiper were all new species. Observers: Frank Bills, Sharon Bostick, Gail Clendenen, Steve Clendenen, Ron Hoff (compiler: 282 Hackworth Ln., Clinton, TN 37716; aves7000@bellsouth.net), Dollyann Myers and Carole Gobert.

Blount County – 0500-1945. Weather: overcast to partly cloudy 63-74° F. Observers: Jean J. Alexander (compiler-3908 Riverview Dr., Maryville, TN 37804; jjadmj@yahoo.com), Tiffany Beachy, Warren Bielenberg, Fae Burkhart, James B. Fitzgerald, Marian D. Fitzgerald, Tom E. Fitzgerald, Kim J. Henry, Stephen P. Henry, Thomas D. Howe, James R. Human, David M. Johnson, Karen J. Petrey, Bill Smith, Ann D. Tallent and June D. Welch.

Hamilton County – 0530-2100. Weather: partly cloudy; wind variable; 61-77° F. Observers: David Aborn, Clyde Blum, Gary Brunvoll, Kevin Calhoon (compiler: 934 Craven's Terrace, Lookout Mtn., TN 37409; KAC@tennis.org), Danny Gaddy, Corey Hagen, Tom Horner, Daniel Jacobson, Starr Klein, David Patterson, Katie Richmond, Morgan Snoddy, Joyce Stanbery, Cynthia Wilkerson, Jimmy Wilkerson and Libby Wolfe.

Loudon County – 0800-2150. Weather: overcast, sunny in the afternoon, then cloudy; 50-75° F. Observers: Tony King, Janet McKnight, Denise Nauman, Jason Sturner and Kelly Sturner. Compiled by Ron Hoff.

Montgomery County – 0040-2030. Weather: overcast to cloudy with some light rain;

57-69° F. The Mississippi Kite is notable. Observers: Elaine Foust (compiler: 3251 E. Old Ashland City Rd., Clarksville, TN 37043; elaine.foust@tn.gov), Joe Hall, Daniel Moss, Cyndi Routledge, Steve Routledge, Rick Shipkowski and Stanley York.

Putnam County – 0415-1940. Weather: overcast with intermittent sprinkles; wind 0-15 mph; 53-71° F. This count is dedicated to the memory of Barbara Hart Stedman. Observers: Douglas A. Downs, Janie C. Finch (compiler: 299 Allen Hollow Rd., Cookeville, TN 38501; viajuana@frontiernet.net), Richard C. Finch (F/Y), Judy C. Fuson, Michael J. Hawkins, Linda Henderson, Merritt Ireland (F/Y), Nancy S. Layzer, Edmund K. LeGrand, Michael P. O'Rourke (F/Y), Susan E. Pirolo, Thomas M. Saya, Richard W. Simmers (F/Y), Stephen J. Stedman, Winston A. Walden and Carole D. Williams.

Shelby County – 0630-1830. Weather: overcast with intermittent light rain to partly cloudy in the afternoon; wind 6-10 mph; 70-76° F. Notable count highlights included Black-bellied Whistling-Duck and White-winged Dove. Observers: Betty Blaylock, David Blaylock, Judy Dorsey, Jim Ferguson, Sue Ferguson, Michele Gong, Kate Gooch, Bill Jefferson, Margaret Jefferson, Kay Lait, Kathryn Miller, Gaynell Perry, Dick Preston (compiler: 261 Sassafras Circle, Munford, TN 38058; dickpreston@bigriver.net), Virginia B. Reynolds, Elsie Rodgers, Ed Thomas, Martha Waldron, Jay Walko and Silvia Wortham.

2012 Spring NAMC

	Anderson	Blount	Hamilton	Loudon	Mongmry	Putnam	Shelby	Totals
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	26
Canada Goose	81	79	211	41	91	271	80	854
Wood Duck	2	36	25	6	33	20	18	140
Gadwall	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Mallard	7	63	90	16	27	36	38	277
Blue-winged Teal	2	4	7	-	4	2	7	26
Redhead	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Ring-necked Duck	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	4
Red-breasted Merganser	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Northern Bobwhite	-	13	2	-	41	22	-	78
Wild Turkey	1	19	18	31	23	22	2	116
Common Loon	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	3
Pied-billed Grebe	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Double-crested Cormorant	12	3	1	58	1	2	-	77
Great Blue Heron	15	27	56	135	50	41	24	348
Great Egret	2	-	2	-	-	-	5	9
Snowy Egret	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Cattle Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Green Heron	3	21	12	1	7	24	5	73
Black-crowned Night-Heron	-	1	-	40	2	-	-	43
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Black Vulture	2	6	43	66	61	19	7	204
Turkey Vulture	2	58	50	10	40	109	22	291
Osprey	4	11	11	27	1	1	-	55
Mississippi Kite	-	-	-	-	1	-	15	16
Bald Eagle	-	1	4	4	1	1	-	11
Northern Harrier	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3
Cooper's Hawk	-	4	5	1	3	6	3	22
Accipiter sp.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	8	21	1	3	15	10	59
Broad-winged Hawk	-	2	5	-	-	4	2	13
Red-tailed Hawk	1	11	8	7	10	13	3	53
American Kestrel	1	1	-	-	4	14	2	22
Sora	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Common Gallinule	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
American Coot	-	1	17	-	1	4	8	31
Semipalmated Plover	-	-	2	-	-	-	18	20
Killdeer	15	8	34	21	37	40	96	251

	Anderson	Blount	Hamilton	Loudon	Mongmry	Putnam	Shelby	Totals
Black-necked Stilt	-	-	-	-	-	-	175	175
Spotted Sandpiper	13	6	7	-	1	24	5	56
Solitary Sandpiper	5	10	5	3	4	4	8	39
Greater Yellowlegs	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	4
Lesser Yellowlegs	5	4	3	-	4	1	46	63
Semipalmated Sandpiper	2	-	4	-	-	-	65	71
Western Sandpiper	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Least Sandpiper	12	-	5	-	-	-	500	517
White-rumped Sandpiper	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	4
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	-	1	-	6	-	3	10
Stilt Sandpiper	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	5
American Woodcock	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Forster's Tern	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Rock Pigeon	56	109	167	15	23	109	225	704
Eurasian Collared-Dove	-	-	6	-	-	1	34	41
White-winged Dove	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Mourning Dove	43	243	232	91	157	472	108	1346
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	18	9	-	10	6	2	46
Black-billed Cuckoo	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Barn Owl	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Eastern Screech Owl	-	4	3	-	2	1	1	11
Great Horned Owl	-	1	2	2	1	-	1	7
Barred Owl	6	1	3	-	5	9	4	28
Common Nighthawk	2	3	3	-	8	2	11	29
Chuck-will's-widow	5	11	1	1	12	14	2	46
Eastern Whip-poor-will	9	-	2	-	5	-	-	16
Chimney Swift	1023	134	178	25	252	154	34	1800
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	13	17	2	13	12	24	82
Belted Kingfisher	1	6	8	3	6	10	3	37
Red-headed Woodpecker	-	-	2	-	9	16	3	30
Red-bellied Woodpecker	14	50	59	9	47	88	50	317
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Downy Woodpecker	8	37	85	3	21	24	25	203
Hairy Woodpecker	5	5	6	-	10	8	-	34
Northern Flicker	-	4	14	3	3	20	3	47
Pileated Woodpecker	6	10	18	1	13	35	26	109
Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	10	8	13	1	59	87	76	254
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

	Anderson	Blount	Hamilton	Loudon	Mongmry	Putnam	Shelby	Totals
Acadian Flycatcher	13	3	7	-	30	82	110	245
Willow Flycatcher	1	2	-	-	2	-	-	5
Empidonax sp.	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
Eastern Phoebe	10	26	36	2	15	64	11	164
Great Crested Flycatcher	2	19	25	3	25	62	44	180
Western Kingbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Eastern Kingbird	10	19	51	11	28	98	11	228
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	5
White-eyed Vireo	11	16	26	2	39	135	88	317
Yellow-throated Vireo	6	2	14	-	12	36	10	80
Blue-headed Vireo	2	4	2	-	1	5	-	14
Warbling Vireo	-	-	-	-	3	-	11	14
Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	4
Red-eyed Vireo	33	113	164	2	42	442	48	844
Blue Jay	18	102	93	12	70	119	38	452
American Crow	39	193	165	52	288	331	39	1107
Fish Crow	-	-	7	-	-	-	5	12
Horned Lark	-	-	-	-	19	1	-	20
Purple Martin	6	11	76	157	115	110	18	493
Tree Swallow	50	39	73	61	11	29	-	263
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	18	28	64	6	35	48	46	245
Bank Swallow	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Cliff Swallow	326	120	499	151	522	8	4	1630
Barn Swallow	22	169	232	35	80	250	56	844
Carolina Chickadee	18	74	162	28	85	88	39	494
Tufted Titmouse	23	88	152	7	105	183	98	656
White-breasted Nuthatch	8	13	33	-	29	24	34	141
Brown-headed Nuthatch	3	5	9	-	-	2	-	19
Carolina Wren	54	104	148	18	102	208	127	761
House Wren	-	8	2	-	2	21	-	33
Marsh Wren	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	13	29	115	9	76	152	79	473
Eastern Bluebird	37	132	158	63	115	334	28	867
Veery	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	3
Gray-cheeked Thrush	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Swainson's Thrush	15	5	5	-	10	4	24	63
Wood Thrush	14	15	29	5	27	68	31	189

	Anderson	Blount	Hamilton	Loudon	Mongmry	Putnam	Shelby	Totals
American Robin	64	294	391	59	243	647	141	1839
Gray Catbird	9	19	7	2	8	11	8	64
Northern Mockingbird	32	132	147	39	141	250	39	780
Brown Thrasher	6	35	39	4	15	68	9	176
European Starling	101	238	852	295	353	2451	246	4536
Cedar Waxwing	58	318	195	10	55	248	32	916
Ovenbird	11	17	1	-	1	37	1	68
Worm-eating Warbler	-	2	5	-	1	9	-	17
Louisiana Waterthrush	2	3	3	-	4	20	3	35
Northern Waterthrush	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Blue-winged Warbler	-	-	-	-	2	17	-	19
Golden-winged Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Black-and-white Warbler	5	5	5	-	1	16	1	33
Prothonotary Warbler	-	1	3	1	25	7	31	68
Swainson's Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11
Tennessee Warbler	-	-	1	-	1	1	28	31
Nashville Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Connecticut Warbler	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	3
Mourning Warbler	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Kentucky Warbler	2	-	3	-	15	83	36	139
Common Yellowthroat	7	29	8	3	63	174	23	307
Hooded Warbler	10	17	7	-	-	73	26	133
American Redstart	9	11	4	-	3	50	28	105
Cape May Warbler	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Cerulean Warbler	4	-	-	-	-	32	11	47
Northern Parula	7	2	5	-	25	73	52	164
Magnolia Warbler	-	4	6	-	8	2	10	30
Bay-breasted Warbler	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	3
Blackburnian Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Yellow Warbler	1	-	2	-	19	24	-	46
Chestnut-sided Warbler	6	-	8	-	4	-	5	23
Blackpoll Warbler	1	3	6	-	-	7	1	18
Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Palm Warbler	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Pine Warbler	4	11	33	1	2	10	2	63
Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	2	3	-	2	-	3	10
Yellow-throated Warbler	2	8	9	1	17	50	11	98
Prairie Warbler	-	3	12	-	30	34	-	79
Black-throated Green Warbler	2	13	12	-	1	-	2	30

	Anderson	Blount	Hamilton	Loudon	Mongmry	Putnam	Shelby	Totals
Canada Warbler	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3
Wilson's Warbler	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3
Yellow-breasted Chat	20	32	35	3	45	89	6	230
Eastern Towhee	31	48	139	17	82	149	18	484
Chipping Sparrow	11	50	54	12	26	165	5	323
Field Sparrow	20	57	29	4	97	134	11	352
Savannah Sparrow	-	-	3	-	3	1	2	9
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	2	2	-	19	20	1	44
Henslow's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	13
Song Sparrow	23	54	100	3	28	135	-	343
White-throated Sparrow	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
White-crowned Sparrow	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	3
Summer Tanager	8	1	25	2	45	88	65	234
Scarlet Tanager	13	17	29	5	4	33	1	102
Northern Cardinal	62	207	303	29	205	339	113	1258
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	4	9	-	1	6	7	27
Blue Grosbeak	5	12	8	5	16	42	4	92
Indigo Bunting	39	189	113	19	219	459	122	1160
Dickcissel	-	5	1	1	118	8	34	167
Bobolink	1	-	-	-	9	22	203	235
Red-winged Blackbird	21	104	319	23	273	511	66	1317
Eastern Meadowlark	12	36	30	18	111	324	26	557
Common Grackle	31	275	205	86	244	201	67	1109
Brown-headed Cowbird	9	76	71	29	42	231	144	602
Orchard Oriole	10	10	21	3	15	65	16	140
Baltimore Oriole	3	-	1	-	3	2	19	28
House Finch	14	46	96	21	19	61	10	267
American Goldfinch	69	148	48	5	204	98	36	608
House Sparrow	8	30	70	27	55	70	55	315
Total individuals	2888	4986	7330	1976	5951	12334	4646	40137
Total species	106	120	141	77	131	128	132	182
Observers	7	16	16	5	7	13	19	83
Parties	3	13	9	2	6	6	9	48

	Anderson	Blount	Hamilton	Loudon	Mongmry	Putnam	Shelby	Totals
Party hours	23.23	67	77	15.83	39.47	74.2	40.25	336.98
Hours by car	11.4	25	47	14	22.05	58.7	12.25	190.4
Hours by foot	11.83	40	30	1.83	17.42	15.5	28	144.58
Hours by canoe or other	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Miles by car	100.9	311	356	83	307	562	74	1793.9
Miles by foot	6.7	18.7	30	1.5	12.7	13	16	98.6
Miles by canoe or other	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hours owling	1	1.25	2	-	5	2.5	1.75	13.5
Miles owling	15	19.75	4	-	37	49.5	2	127.25
Feeder observers	4	11	-	-	1	4	-	20
Feeder hours	1	13.25	-	-	5	6.8	-	26.05

ROUND TABLE NOTES

FIRST VARIED THRUSH RECORD FOR WEST TENNESSEE - On 2 April 2006 I observed an adult male Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) on my farm 6 km southwest of Martin in Weakley County, Tennessee. The thrush was in a wet woodland where I was checking nest tubes for Carolina Chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis*) activity. I first saw the thrush at approximately 1030 when it flew from the ground and perched in a tree. It remained in the tree for less than 1 minute and then flew out of my sight. The diagnostic breast color, breast band, eye line, and wing bars were noted. I heard no vocalizations from the thrush. Repeated searches for the thrush on subsequent days were not successful. This is my first observation of a Varied Thrush in Tennessee, but I had previously seen and heard the species in Washington and Oregon.

Air temperature at the time of observation was approximately 20°C, and a thin layer of clouds covered most of the sky. I did not record wind speed or direction. Less than 6 hours later a major outbreak of tornadoes occurred in eastern Arkansas, eastern Missouri, and western Tennessee. I have no evidence that the presence of the thrush in West Tennessee was due to unstable weather conditions, but I cannot rule out that possibility.

The Tennessee Bird Records Committee accepted the record (personal communication, K. D. Edwards, Secretary, TN Bird Records Committee, 24 July 2006). It is apparently the fourth record of Varied Thrush in Tennessee and the first for West Tennessee. Previous sightings were in Hamilton County [*The Migrant* 62:57-65 (1991) and *The Migrant* 63:59-63 (1992)] and Anderson County [*The Migrant* 68:10 (1996)].

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AMERICAN COOT POSSIBLY KILLED BY TORNADO - Birds are frequently killed by adverse weather events. For example, two American White Pelicans (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) in the UT-Martin bird collection were found dead (along with several other injured pelicans) in Dyer County, TN, following a hailstorm. I suspect that a tornado was in some way responsible for the death of the American Coot (*Fulica americana*) that is the subject of this note.

On 2 April 2006 at approximately 1730, as Candice Daigneault, a University of Tennessee at Martin student, was watching an approaching storm, she saw an American Coot fall from the sky and crash onto the pavement adjacent to a restaurant at the western edge of Martin, TN, where she was employed. Her impression was that the coot had died before hitting the pavement. She tossed the coot into the open bed of her truck, where it remained for 3 days (and where it was exposed to air temperatures that probably exceeded 27°C) until it was delivered to me. I later prepared the coot as a study skin for the UT-Martin bird collection. Due to deterioration of the body, I was not able to determine the coot's sex or the cause of

death. The bird had no obvious injuries. Some areas of muscle discoloration could have been caused by bruising or by decay following death.

At the time the coot fell to the ground, tornadoes were moving from Missouri and Arkansas into West Tennessee. At least 5 tornadoes were verified, with peak winds of 200 mph (accessed online at National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Storm Events Database). In northwest Tennessee, the tornadoes were responsible for the deaths of 24 people, numerous other injured people, and huge amounts of structural damage. The town of Martin was not in the direct path of a tornado but debris from tornado damage was later found throughout the town. At my residence 6 km southwest of Martin, I found pieces of floor covering lodged 5 m up in trees. I also found fragments of photographs and a water bill addressed to a resident of Caruthersville, MO, which is approximately 100 km west of Martin. Possibly the coot recovered by Candice had been swept into the sky and carried by the strong winds until being released over Martin. Was the coot already dead when it was picked up by the wind? Was a flying coot killed and then deposited? Or, did an exhausted, but living, coot die as a result of slamming into the concrete pavement? The dead American Coot did not provide an answer.

I thank Scotty Funderburk for delivering the dead coot to me.

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BOOK REVIEW

Studying Eastern Bluebirds: A Biologist's Report and Reflections – T. David Pitts. 2011. Redleaves Publishing, Martin, TN 295 pages, $19.95. Available from the author: T. David Pitts, 286 Winstead Road, Martin, TN 38237.

In his book, Pitts presents the results of his 25 years of field work studying Eastern Bluebirds (hereafter bluebirds) in northwest Tennessee. As the author notes, "... most people who are interested in bluebirds are not scientists and do not read scientific journals. It is for this audience, the people who are not professional biologists, that this book was prepared." This is precisely why I so enjoyed this book. Based on his monitoring hundreds of nest boxes and personally banding and observing nearly 4,000 bluebirds, the book is organized into 26 easy to read chapters that cover all aspects of bluebird life. Thorough treatment is given to banding, all aspects of nesting, winter survival, predation and longevity. While much of this information is readily available elsewhere, what distinguishes this book are the life stories of many of the individual bluebirds Pitts banded and followed during their all too brief lives. Details on unusual behaviors abound: a champion polygamist; a female that "incubated" an empty nest for over four months; and one female that successfully mated with six different males in six consecutive years, fledging 66 young. One particularly fascinating chapter outlines the tragic history of the bluebird that appears on the Tennessee automobile license plate. It is these types of individual stories that are the essence of "bird watching" rather than merely "birding."

The absence of an index is in no way a hindrance: chapter titles will lead the reader to any specific subject of interest. Appendices provide details for building a proper nest box, feeding and attracting bluebirds, and a list of organizations that promote bluebirds. The helpful Glossary contains the only editing error I noted: "If you capture a rat snake at a nest box, please do kill the snake." To the author's dismay, the text should have read "please do NOT kill the snake." Another helpful feature is the section on additional readings. Each chapter has a list of books and articles that are helpful for the reader to obtain further information.

I found this book to be informative, thought-provoking and often humorous. I highly recommend it for both beginning and advanced birders

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THE SPRING SEASON

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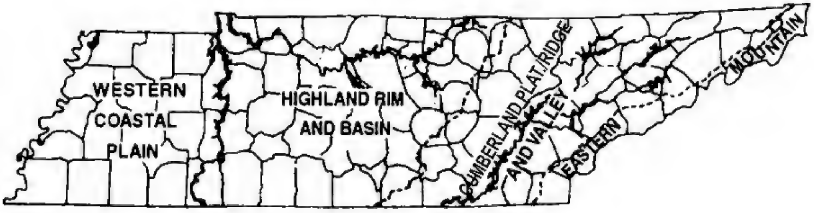

1 March - 31 May 2012

March was one of the warmest on record statewide, with new high temperature marks set in numerous locations. As a result, vegetation emerged earlier by three weeks or more. The following two months were also generally warmer than usual. A brief cold snap in mid-April brought frost to some areas, but was only a minor setback. Numerous new early arrival dates were established in various sections of the state. However, overall numbers of migrants seemed low. Thus it is likely that the warm temperatures, favorable winds, and general lack of rains during the peak of migration allowed many migrants to pass over the state before stopping. Early breeding also was noted for some species.

Could a Brown Pelican on Cordell Hull Lake have been the same individual seen near Chattanooga? Three reports of Northern Goshawk were surprising. A potential new nesting pair of Peregrine Falcons was located in the mountains. A handfull of Common Gallinules were scattered through East Tennessee, where typically quite scarce. White-winged Doves appeared in three regions, as this species continues to increase as a vagrant in the state. Two Cave Swallows were seen near Memphis, while a Yellow-headed Blackbird was observed near Chattanooga.

Standard Abbreviations

ad - adult
Co - County
Cr - Creek
ers - earliest reported sighting
et al. - and others
fide - reported by
im - immature
Is - Island
L - Lake
lrs - latest reported sighting
max - maximum count
m.ob. - many observers
Mtn - Mountain
R - River
SNA – State Natural Area
SP - State Park
WMA - Wildlife Management Area
yg - young

WESTERN COASTAL PLAIN REGION - - Temperatures were well above average this spring, especially during March. Rainfall for the period was below normal.

Duck - Crane: **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**: 28 Mar (84 at 3 sites) Shelby Co (JRW), max. **Cackling Goose**: 21 Mar (11) Shelby Farms (NPM, SNM). **Common Loon**: 7 / 31 May (2 / 1) Gibson Co (MAG); 16 May (1) TVA Lake, Shelby Co (FJA, SGS); all late. **Horned Grebe**: 21 Mar / 27 Apr (2 / 1) Shelby Farms (NPM, SNM / Bob Ilardi). **Anhinga**: 27 Mar (1) Ghost River SNA, Fayette Co (AJT); 15 May (1) Meeman-Shelby Forest SP (FJA, SGS). **American White Pelican**: 24 Mar (50) Big Sandy, Henry Co (TJW, CSm). **American Bittern**: 10 Apr (1) Lauderdale Co (SGS). **Great Blue Heron**: 6 Mar (32 ad, 16 nests) Memphis (Martha Waldron, SNM), new colony. **Snowy Egret**: 1 Apr (1) Shelby Co (JRW), ers. **Little Blue Heron**: 14 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Cattle Egret**: 15 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Mississippi Kite**: 14 Apr (1) Memphis (Gail King), ers; 2 May (1) Forked Deer R bottoms, Gibson Co (MAG), ers; 11 May (100s) Shelby Farms (Knox Martin), most seen; late May (5-6) Trenton area, Gibson Co (MAG). **Northern Goshawk**: 13 Mar (1 ad) Moss Is WMA (WMP). **Merlin**: 15 May (1) Meeman-Shelby Forest SP (FJA, SGS), lrs. **Peregrine Falcon**: 24 Mar (1) Paris Landing (TJW, CSm); 7 Apr (2) Ensley (JRW); 13 May (1) Black Bayou (TJW, CSm). **Common Gallinule**: 7 Apr (1) Tipton Co (JRW); 12 May (1) TVA Lake, Shelby Co (Jay Walko). **Sandhill Crane**: 13 May (4) Madison Co (Ed Harsson).

Plover - Tern: **Black-bellied Plover**: 3 May (1) Phillipy (MCT); 12-16 May (3-1) Ensley (JRW); 13 May (1) Black Bayou (TJW, CSm). **American Golden-Plover**: 31 Mar (1) Ensley (JRW), ers; 3 May (250) Phillipy (MCT). **Semipalmated Plover**: 1 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **American Avocet**: 15 Apr (3) Ensley (JRW). **Black-necked Stilt**: 15 Mar (3) North Treatment Plant, Shelby Co (Jay Walko), ers; 15 Apr (74) Ensley (VBR), max; 16 May (ad + yg) Ensley (JRW), 1st yg of season. **Spotted Sandpiper**: 25 Mar (1) Ensley (VBR), ers. **Solitary Sandpiper**: 15 Apr (65) Ensley (VBR), max. **Willet**: 7 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW); 7 May (4) Gibson Co Lake (MAG). **Upland Sandpiper**: 31 Mar (2) Tipton Co (JRW); 7 Apr (2) Ensley (JRW); 8 Apr (1) Britton Ford, Henry Co (TJW, CSm). **Whimbrel**: 29-30 May (1) Thorny Cypress WMA, Dyer Co (Patrick Lemons, photo, fide SGS). **Ruddy Turnstone**: 26 May (5 at 3 sites) Mississippi R border Cos (JRW). **Semipalmated Sandpiper**: 15 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Western Sandpiper**: 11 Apr (1) Lake Co (SGS), ers. **White-rumped Sandpiper**: 3 May (1) Phillipy (MCT); 12-16 May (10+) Ensley (JRW). **Baird's Sandpiper**: 7 Apr / 16 May (1) Ensley (JRW). **Dunlin**: 7 Apr / 16 May (1 / 5) Ensley (JRW); 3 / 17 May (10 / 5) Black Bayou (MCT / FJA, SGS). **Stilt Sandpiper**: 7 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Long-billed Dowitcher**: 11 Apr (1) Lake Co (SGS); 15 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW). **Wilson's Phalarope**: 15 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW). **Laughing Gull**: 31 Mar (6+) Britton Ford and Eagle Cr, Henry Co (TJW, CSm); 8 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW). **Lesser Black-backed Gull**: 24 / 31 Mar (1) Paris Landing (TJW, CSm). **Great Black-backed Gull**: 31 Mar (1 im) Pace Point, Henry Co (TJW, CSm). **Caspian Tern**: 7 May (2) Gibson Co Lake (MAG). **Forster's Tern**: 24 Mar (6) Eagle Cr, Henry Co (TJW, CSm).

Dove - Crow: **WHITE-WINGED DOVE**: 6-16 May (1-2) President's Is, Shelby Co (JRW, SGS et al.), 2nd year in area. **Black-billed Cuckoo**: 22 Apr (1) Meeman-Shelby Forest SP (VH); 12 May (1) Shelby Co (JRW). **Common Nighthawk**: 31 May (ad flushed from nest containing 2 eggs) barrens area in Decatur Co (AJT), nest on small strip of gravel surrounded by herbaceous vegetation. **Chimney Swift**: 27 Mar (2) Fayette Co (AJT), ers. **Olive-sided Flycatcher**: 18 May (1) Moss Is WMA (FJA, SGS); 19 May (1) Bartlett, Shelby Co (JRW); 25 May (1) near Pace Point, Henry Co (Shawna Ellis). **Acadian Flycatcher**: 22 Apr (1) Meeman-Shelby Forest SP (VH), ers. **Willow Flycatcher**: 11 May (1) Germantown, Shelby Co (VBR); 18 May (1) Moss Is WMA (FJA, SGS). **Western Kingbird**: 26 Apr (6) Shelby Co (JRW), ers, with pairs at 17 sites by season's end. **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**: 28 Apr (1) Eagle L, Shelby Co (MCT, JRW), ers, with an active nest elsewhere in Co later (JRW). **hybrid Western Kingbird x Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**: 12 May (2 nests) Shelby Co (JRW). **White-eyed Vireo**: 27 Mar (1) Fayette Co (AJT), ers. **Yellow-throated Vireo**: 27 Mar (1) Fayette Co (AJT), ers. **Warbling Vireo**: 11 Apr (3) Dyer and Lake Cos (SGS), ers. **Fish Crow**: 24 Mar / 3 Apr (1 / 4) Paris Landing (TJW, CSm / Shawna Ellis).

Swallow - Bobolink: **Tree Swallow**: 4 Mar (1) Memphis (Jim Ferguson), ers. **Bank Swallow**: 11 Apr (3) Lake Co (SGS), ers; 13 / 17 May (47 active nest burrows) Sheeps Ridge Rd, Lake Co (TJW, CSm, FJA, SGS). **CAVE SWALLOW**: 24 Apr (2) Mississippi R, Shelby Co (JRW). **Barn Swallow**: 12 Mar (1) Gibson Co (MAG), ers. **House Wren**: thru May (multiple singing birds) Trenton, Humboldt, and Dyer, all in Gibson Co (MAG). **Sedge Wren**: 8 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Swainson's Thrush**: 22 Apr (2) Meeman-Shelby Forest SP (VH), ers. **Golden-winged Warbler**: 28 Apr (2) Meeman-Shelby Forest SP (MCT, JRW), ers. **Swainson's Warbler**: 22 Apr (6) Meeman-Shelby Forest SP (VH); 3 May (3) Walnut Log (MCT). **Tennessee Warbler**: 19 Apr (2) Meeman-Shelby Forest SP (Dick Preston), ers. **Cape May Warbler**: 12 May (1) Bartlett, Shelby Co (JRW); 17 May (1) Walnut Log (FJA, SGS). **Northern Parula**: 24 Mar (1) Paris Landing (TJW, CSm), ers. **Canada Warbler**: 28 Apr / 15 May (1 / 3) Meeman-Shelby Forest SP (MCT, JRW / FJA, SGS), ers and max. **Wilson's Warbler**: 17 May (1) Walnut Log (FJA, SGS). **Lark Sparrow**: 31 May (1) Gibson Co (MAG). **Song Sparrow**: 16 May (ad carrying food) Ensley (JRW). **Lincoln's Sparrow**: 5 Mar / 3 May (1) Shelby Farms (VBR / NPM, SNM). **Scarlet Tanager**: 8 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Painted Bunting**: 28 Apr (2) President's Is, Shelby Co (MCT, JRW). **Bobolink**: 12 May (200) North Treatment Plant, Shelby Co (Jay Walko) max.

Locations: Black Bayou, Lake Co; Ensley, Shelby Co; Ghost River SNA, Fayette; Moss Is WMA, Dyer Co; Paris Landing, Henry Co; Phillipy, Lake Co; Shelby Farms, Shelby Co; Meeman-Shelby Forest SP, Shelby Co; Walnut Log, Obion Co.

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HIGHLAND RIM AND BASIN REGION - - Like most of the eastern two-thirds of the United States a heat wave engulfed middle Tennessee in March. Nashville produced its warmest March in recorded history with the average temperature being a staggering 11 degrees above normal. This resulted from more than one-third of its days reaching high temperatures of 80°F or above. Although temperatures eased in April and May, they were still high enough to produce average monthly temperatures that were 3 and 5 degrees above normal, respectively. For the spring period precipitation was somewhat below average, being 1-1.5 inches below normal in each month. Despite the reduction in rainfall, the extremely warm spring resulted in plants leafing and flowering well ahead of schedule.

Duck - Falcon: **Ruddy Duck**: 13 May (1) Old Hickory L (PDC), lrs. **Horned Grebe**: 13 May (1) Old Hickory L (PDC), lrs. **BROWN PELICAN**: mid-May (1 ad) Defeated Cr, Cordell Hull L, Smith Co (fide SGS), photo sent to TN Watchable Wildlife web site. **American Bittern**: 5 Apr (1) marsh on Walter S. Davis Blvd, Nashville (FF); 16-25 Apr (1) Duck R Unit (CF et al.); 5 May (1) Shelby Bottoms (fide JKS). **Great Egret**: 25 May (7 nests) Little Elder Is (SGS). **Snowy Egret**: 25 May (4 ad, 1 on nest) Little Elder Is (SGS). **Little Blue Heron**: 25 May (24 ad, 10 nests) Little Elder Is (SGS). **Cattle Egret**: 6 May (25) Duck R Unit (TJW, CSm); 25 May (320+ nests) Little Elder Is (SGS). **Green Heron**: 5 Apr (1 each) Davidson, Lewis and Warren Cos (FF, WMP, SNM), ers. **Black-crowned Night-Heron**: 25 May (19 nests) Little Elder Is (SGS). **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**: 31 Mar (1) Murfreesboro (Steve Zipperer), ers; 21 Apr (1) Cheatham Co (CR, SR); 27 Apr (2) marsh on Walter S. Davis Blvd, Nashville (SGS). **Mississippi Kite**: 10 May (1) Duck R Unit (SNM). **Broad-winged Hawk**: 31 Mar (1 each) Giles, DeKalb, and Lewis Cos. (SGS / MJW / WMP), ers. **Merlin**: 6 Mar (1) Bell's Bend (FF); 6 May (1) Duck R Unit (SGS, CAS, ES).

Rail - Tern: **Sora**: 3-27 Apr (1) Nashville (PDC, FF); 7 Apr (1, found dead) Bell's Bend (PDC, MSm); 16-24 Apr (5-18) Duck R Unit (CF et al.). **Sandhill Crane**: 17 May (1) Duck R Unit (CF). **Black-bellied Plover**: 4 / 15 May (5 / 10) Duck R Unit (MCT, CF). **American Golden-Plover**: 8 Apr (11) Duck R Unit (TJW, CSm). **Semipalmated Plover**: 14 Apr (1) Duck R Unit (CAS, BI), ers. **Solitary Sandpiper**: 3 Apr (4) Nashville (FF), ers. **Greater Yellowlegs**: 14 Apr (92) Duck R Unit (CAS, BI), max. **Willet**: 27 Apr (~50) Perry Co (Chad Beachy); 6 May (1) Duck R Unit (TJW, CSm). **Lesser Yellowlegs**: 14 Apr (374) Duck R Unit (CAS, BI), max. **Marbled Godwit**: 29 Apr (1) Duck R Unit (CR, SR). **White-rumped Sandpiper**: 30 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), 1st Co record; 4 May (9) Old Hickory L (James Hurt). **Pectoral Sandpiper**: 25 Mar (4) Montgomery Co (SY), ers. **Dunlin**: 14 Apr (1) Duck R Unit (CAS, BI); 16 Apr / 13 May (1 / 5) Old Hickory L (MSm, PDC). **Stilt Sandpiper**: 14 Apr (1) Duck R Unit (CAS, BI). **Long-billed Dowitcher**: 31 Mar / 14 Apr (4 / 1) Duck R Unit (TJW, CSm / CAS, BI). **Short-billed Dowitcher**: 26 Apr (31) marsh on Walter S. Davis Blvd, Nashville (FF). **Caspian Tern**: 14 / 29 Apr (14 / 15) Duck R Unit (CAS, BI, / CR, SR); 21 Apr (6, flying over) Rutherford Co (SGS).

Dove - Thrush: **WHITE-WINGED DOVE**: 5 May (1) White Co (Doug Downs, photo).

Black-billed Cuckoo: 18 Apr (1) Perry Co (Adam Beachy); 5 May (1) Cheatham Co (fide JKS), on Nashville spring count; 9 / 15 May (1) Radnor L (FF, JKS). **Chimney Swift**: 26 Mar (2) Murfreesboro (Chloe Walker), ers. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**: 1 Apr (1 each) Moore and DeKalb Cos (Laura McCall, Tommy Curtis, Virginia Curtis), ers. **Eastern Whip-poor-will**: 30 Mar (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Olive-sided Flycatcher**: 29 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP); 5 May (1) Natchez Trace Parkway, near Davidson and Williamson Co line (JKS, Richard Connors), on Nashville spring count. **Least Flycatcher**: 27 Apr (1) Bell's Bend (CAS, TL), ers. **Great Crested Flycatcher**: 16 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Eastern Kingbird**: 5 Apr (1) Warren Co (SNM), ers. **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**: 15-19 Apr (1-2) Lytle Cr Rd, Rutherford Co (SGS, m.ob.); 24 Apr (2) Florence Rd, Rutherford Co (TJW); 29 Apr (1) Nashville Speedway, Wilson Co (Steve Zipperer). **Loggerhead Shrike**: 7 Mar (1) Houston Co (SY); 19 Mar (1) Bedford Co (Laura McCall). **White-eyed Vireo**: 30 Mar (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Yellow-throated Vireo**: 27 Mar (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Blue-headed Vireo**: 21 Mar (1) Radnor L (MJW), ers. **Warbling Vireo**: 2 Apr (1) Lost Cove, Franklin Co (MJW), ers. **Philadelphia Vireo**: 28 Apr - 16 May (1-2) Radnor L (CAS, m.ob.); 30 Apr (1) Macon Co (John Froeschauer, Richard Connors). **Red-eyed Vireo**: 3 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Purple Martin**: 1 Mar (1) near Bell's Bend (TL), ers. **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**: 16 Mar (1) Nashville (FF), ers. **Bank Swallow**: 23 Apr (3) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Cliff Swallow**: 18 Mar (4) Cheatham Co (Susan Hollyday), ers. **Bewick's Wren**: 14 Mar thru season (1-2 males) Lytle Cr Rd, Rutherford Co (TJW et al.); 17 Mar (1) Alsup Mill Rd, Wilson Co (TJW). **Sedge Wren**: 28 Apr (1) Peeler Park, Davidson Co (PDC, MSm, Mary Zimmerman). **Marsh Wren**: 21 Apr (1) Radnor L (JKS). **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**: 24 Mar (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Gray Catbird**: 16 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Veery**: 27 Apr (1) Radnor L (JKS), ers. **Swainson's Thrush**: 19 Apr (3) Radnor L (JKS), ers. **Wood Thrush**: 1 Apr (1) Nashville (CAS), ers.

Warblers: **Ovenbird**: 2 Apr (1) Lost Cove, Franklin Co (MJW), ers. **Worm-eating Warbler**: 5 Apr (1) Beaman Park, Davidson Co (Durwood Edwards fide ES), ers. **Louisiana Waterthrush**: 14 Mar (1) Williamson Co (MJW), ers. **Swainson's Warbler**: 29 Apr - 19 May (1) Shelby Bottoms (PDC, m.ob.), same site as last year. **Blue-winged Warbler**: 2 Apr (2) Bell's Bend (FF), ers. **Golden-winged Warbler**: 21 Apr (1) Radnor L (JKS), ers. **Black-and-white Warbler**: 25 Mar (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Prothonotary Warbler**: 9 Apr (1) Clarksville (CR, SR), ers. **Tennessee Warbler**: 16 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Orange-crowned Warbler**: 8 Apr (1) Duck R Unit (TJW, CSm); 18 / 25 Apr (1) Radnor L (JKS, FF, NTOS). **Nashville Warbler**: 4 Apr (1) Radnor L (FF), ers. **Connecticut Warbler**: 9 / 19 May (1) Shelby Bottoms (TJW / PDC); 10 May (1) Lewis Co (WMP); 12 May (1) Radnor L (CAS et al.); 12 May (1) Clarksville (CR, SR). **Mourning Warbler**: 28 Apr (1) Peeler Park, Davidson Co (PDC, MSm, Mary Zimmerman), early; 9 / 22 May (1) Radnor L (Kevin Bowden, NTOS, FF, JKS); 15 May (1) Murfreesboro (TJW); 25 May (1) Bark Camp Barrens WMA, Coffee Co (SGS). **Kentucky Warbler**: 18 Apr (1) Radnor L (PDC), ers. **Common Yellowthroat**: 2 Apr (2) Bell's Bend (FF, PDC), ers. **Hooded Warbler**: 3 Apr (2) DeKalb Co (MJW), ers. **Cerulean Warbler**: 3 Apr (3 at 2 sites) DeKalb Co (MJW), ers. **Northern**

Parula: 20 Mar (1 each) Lewis and Williamson Cos (WMP, MJW), ers. **Blackburnian Warbler**: 13 Apr (1) Radnor L (ES), ers. **Yellow Warbler**: 15 Apr (1) Murfreesboro (SGS), ers. **Chestnut-sided Warbler**: 16 Apr (1) Clarksville (CR, SR), ers. **Blackpoll Warbler**: 23 May (1) Cheatham Co (CAS), lrs. **Black-throated Blue Warbler**: 2 May (1 male) Radnor L (PDC et al.). **Yellow-throated Warbler**: 19 Mar (1) Montgomery Co (SY), ers. **Prairie Warbler**: 28 Mar (1) Bell's Bend (PDC), ers. **Black-throated Green Warbler**: 28 Mar (1) Beaman Park, Davidson Co (PDC), ers. **Wilson's Warbler**: 27 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers; 2 May (3) Radnor L (NTOS), max. **Yellow-breasted Chat**: 15 Apr (1) Montgomery Co (SY), ers.

Sparrow - Siskin: **Vesper Sparrow**: 10 Mar (2) Warren Co (SNM), ers; 22 Mar (6) Bell's Bend (TL), max. **Lark Sparrow**: 22 Apr (2) Duck R Unit (TJW); 28 Apr (1) University School wetland, Davidson Co (JKS); 6 May (2) Wilson Co (SGS, CAS, ES). **Grasshopper Sparrow**: 2 Apr (1) Duck R Unit (Shawna Ellis), ers. **Henslow's Sparrow**: 15 Mar (6, singing) Fort Campbell, Montgomery Co (Daniel Moss), new early date; 21 Mar thru season (1-2) Bell's Bend (FF, PDC). **Le Conte's Sparrow**: 6-9 Apr (1) Bell's Bend (TL, m.ob., ES - photo). **Lincoln's Sparrow**: 27 Apr (1) Bell's Bend (CAS, TL). **White-throated Sparrow**: 12 May (1) Lewis Co (WMP), lrs. **Summer Tanager**: 15 Apr (1) Montgomery Co (SY), ers. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**: 14 Apr (1) Nashville (George and Margie Koehler fide JKS), ers. **Blue Grosbeak**: 15 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Indigo Bunting**: 9 Apr (1) DeKalb Co (Tommy and Virginia Curtis), ers. **Dickcissel**: 14 May (7) Warren Co (SNM). **Bobolink**: 25 Apr (2) Duck R Unit (CF), ers; 14 May (20) Warren Co (SNM). **Orchard Oriole**: 17 Apr (1) Warren Co (SNM), ers. **Baltimore Oriole**: 16 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Purple Finch**: 24 Apr (2) Radnor L (FF), lrs. **Pine Siskin**: 24 Mar (1) Lewis Co (WMP), only report.

Addendum: **American Tree Sparrow**: 2 Feb 2009 (1) Bell's Bend (Durwood Edwards, photo).

Locations: Bell's Bend, Davidson Co; Duck R - unit of Tennessee NWR, Humphreys Co; Little Elder Is, Woods Reservoir, Franklin Co; Old Hickory L, Davidson Co; Radnor L, Davidson Co; Shelby Bottoms, Davidson Co.

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CUMBERLAND PLATEAU / RIDGE and VALLEY REGION - - Following a very mild winter, spring started early and remained warmer than normal. March was one of the warmest on record. As a result, vegetation emerged about three weeks earlier than normal. Most trees were fully leafed out by the peak of songbird migration making it more difficult to observe migrants. April temperatures were closer to normal, but still mostly

above average except for one moderate frost in mid-month. May was also warmer than usual. Rainfall was near normal in March, but nearly 50% deficient in April and May.

Eleven new early arrival dates were set in the five county area of extreme northeast Tennessee, which includes part of the Mountain region. This is a remarkable number considering that data has been collected there for over 60 years. These new early dates were set for Green Heron, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Alder Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Grasshopper Sparrow, Scarlet Tanager, and five species of warblers (Ovenbird, Worm-eating, Golden-winged, Tennessee, and Hooded).

Individuals of two species of Arctic-nesting geese lingered quite late. Brown Pelican, White-winged Dove and Yellow-headed Blackbird were found in southeast Tennessee. Two reports of Northern Goshawk were described adequately. Common Gallinules appeared at five sites, rather remarkable for a species seldom found in the region. Among several noteworthy breeding records was a brood of Hooded Mergansers in Greene County. The range of Brown-headed Nuthatches continues to expand. Dickcissels were present in good numbers again this year, with reports from six widely scattered counties. Their occurrence in the Limestone area of Washington County for 17 consecutive years is significant for East Tennessee.

Goose - Cormorant: **Greater White-fronted Goose**: 3-10 Mar (20) Greene Co (DHM), large number for East Tenn; 30 May - 1 Jun (1) John Sevier L (SHu). **Snow Goose**: 28 Apr (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS); 10-17 May (1) Kingsport (RAP, Rack Cross, m.ob.); 15-16 May (1) Pressmen's Home, Hawkins Co (Shirley Price, photo). **Ross's Goose**: 5 Mar (1) northwest Polk Co (Rick Houlk); 16-17 Mar (1) Chester Frost Park, Hamilton Co (Marty Paige); 10 Apr (1) Seven Is Refuge, Knox Co (KBu, photo), likely a hybrid with Snow Goose. **Blue-winged Teal**: 11 Apr (250) Rankin Bottoms (KBu, KW), max. **Redhead**: 7-12 May (1 male) John Sevier L (SHu); 12 May (1) Chester Frost Park, Hamilton Co (DRJ); lrs. **Ring-necked Duck**: 2 May (1) Austin Springs (RLK), lrs. **Greater Scaup**: 4-19 Apr (1) Washington Co farm pond (RLK, GDE), unusual location; 5 / 26 May (5 / 1) Rankin Bottoms (KBu / MBS), lrs. **Lesser Scaup**: 23 May (15) Chickamauga L (SGS), large number this late. **Bufflehead**: 3 May (1) Eagle Bend (KW, KBu), lrs. **Hooded Merganser**: 8 Apr (hen with 8 yg) Bible Refuge (DHM), 1st Greene Co breeding record; 20 May (2 females) Paddle Cr (JWC), late. **Red-breasted Merganser**: 14 May (1) Eagle Bend (RDH, DMy); 15 May (1) Warrior's Path SP, Sullivan Co (GDE), lrs. **Ruddy Duck**: 7 May (1) John Sevier L (SHu), lrs. **Common Loon**: 23 May (1) Chickamauga L (SGS), lrs. **Horned Grebe**: 28 Apr (3) Rankin Bottoms (MBS); 29 Apr (3) L Tansi, Cumberland Co (EKL); 30 Apr (1) Eagle Bend (RDH, DMy); lrs. **BROWN PELICAN**: 19 May (1 ad) Chickamauga L (Dan Williams), 1 seen that same week-end downstream on the TN R in Marion Co (Gary Brunvoll) was likely the same bird. **Double-crested Cormorant**: 14 Apr (2 nests) near Phipps Bend, Hawkins Co (JWC); 26 May (200+, with 16 active nests) Rankin Bottoms (MBS).

Bittern - Crane: **American Bittern**: 3 Apr (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS), just 2nd record; 6-19 Apr (1-2) Standifer Gap Marsh (KAC et al.); 7-24 Apr (1) Kyker Bottoms (RDH, DMy,

m.ob.); 22 Apr (1) John Sevier L (SHu); 14 May (1) Lookout Mtn, Hamilton Co (Ellen Whitaker). **Least Bittern**: 7 Apr (1) Alcoa (TH). **Snowy Egret**: 30 May (1) Lyon's Is, Knox Co (SGS). **Little Blue Heron**: 21-26 Apr (1 im) Kyker Bottoms (Bob Howdeshell, photo); 26 Apr (1 ad) Standifer Gap Marsh (David Chaffin et al.); 4 May (1 im) Brainerd Levee, Hamilton Co (KAC). **Cattle Egret**: 16 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (Marty Paige); 4 May (2) Rankin Bottoms (MBS); 8 May (1) Sullivan Co (GDE). **Black-crowned Night-Heron**: 29 Apr (1) Moccasin Bend, Hamilton Co (KAC et al.), rare in SE TN; 8 Apr (2) Bible Refuge (DHM); 22 May (13 ad, with 1 fledgling) rookery on Watts Bar L, Rhea Co (SGS), new early date for fledged yg according to Breeding Bird Atlas. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**: 23 Mar thru season (9 ad, at least 3 nests) Reedy Cr, Kingsport (RLK); 24 Apr (1 im) Kyker Bottoms (KW, KBu); 2 May (1) Phipps Bend (RAP); 3 May (1 ad) Brainerd Levee, Hamilton Co (KAC); 26 May (1 im) Rankin Bottoms (MBS), about 3rd record; 28 May (1 ad, nest with 3 yg) Standifer Gap Marsh (Hugh Barger), rare nest record in SE TN. ***Plegadis* sp.**: 26 Apr (3) Kyker Bottoms (Carolyn and Phil Snow). **Bald Eagle**: 9 Mar (nest with 3 yg) Lenoir City, Loudon Co (Tony King, Deb Campbell, photo), this number of yg is quite uncommon; 11 May (1 ad) Greene Co (DHM). **Northern Goshawk**: 3 Mar (1 im) Bible Refuge (DHM); 7 Apr (1 ad) Big Mtn near Wartburg, Morgan Co (Candle). **Red-shouldered Hawk**: 3 / 12 May (pair at nest) Reedy Cr, Kingsport (RLK), scarce breeder in NE TN. **Broad-winged Hawk**: 24 Mar (1) Tennessee River Gorge, Hamilton Co (Bill Holt), ers. **Merlin**: 18 Mar (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS). **Peregrine Falcon**: 1 Mar (1) Blount Co (WB); 31 Mar (1) Johnson City (TSM); 13 May (1) Austin Springs (RLK). **Virginia Rail**: from Feb - mid Apr (1-2) Kingsport (RAP, RLK); 21 Mar (1) Alcoa (TH); 26 Mar (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (DEP). **Sora**: 16 Mar - 15 Apr (1-3) Kingsport (RAP); 18 Mar - 12 May (1-2) Standifer Gap Marsh (TLR, DEP, KAC); 23 Mar (1) Knox Co (KW, KBu); 3 Apr (5) Alcoa (TH). **Common Gallinule**: late Feb - 11 Apr (1) Sevier Co (Harold Howell / KBu, KW); late Feb - 7 Apr (1) Alcoa (TH); 23 Apr - 16 May (1-2) John Sevier L (SHu); 6-16 May (1) Camp Jordan, Hamilton Co (Don Colley, m.ob.); 24-26 May (2) Kingsport (RAP, m.ob.). **Sandhill Crane**: 27 Mar (1) Greene Co (DHM), east of usual corridor; 10 Apr (1, flying over) Knox Co (KBu), lrs.

Plover - Hummingbird: **Black-bellied Plover**: 27-30 May (1) John Sevier L (SHu). **American Avocet**: 26 Apr (1) John Sevier L (SHu). **Solitary Sandpiper**: 25 Mar (1) Paddle Cr (RBB, TSM, RMC), ers; 28 Apr (24) Rankin Bottoms (MBS), max. **Greater Yellowlegs**: 21 Apr (45) Rankin Bottoms (MBS), max. **Willet**: 28 Apr (21) Holiday L, Cumberland Co (EKL). **Lesser Yellowlegs**: 28 Apr (60) Rankin Bottoms (MBS), max. **Semipalmated Sandpiper**: 1 Jun (3) Eagle Bend (RDH, DMy), lrs. **Western Sandpiper**: 12 May (1) Hamilton Co (KAC). **Least Sandpiper**: 9 May (81) Eagle Bend (RDH, DMy), max. **White-rumped Sandpiper**: 4 May / 1 Jun (2 / 1) Eagle Bend (CE, LE / RDH, DMy); 12 May (1) Hamilton Co (KAC). **Dunlin**: 14 Apr (1) Bible Refuge (DHM); 23 Apr (1) Paddle Cr (RRK); 14 May (1) Eagle Bend (RDH, DMy). **Stilt Sandpiper**: 9, 12, and 14 May (1 each day in different plumage) Eagle Bend (RDH, DMy, m.ob.). **Short-billed Dowitcher**: 9 May (3) Leesburg, Washington Co (Jim D. Anderson). **Red-necked Phalarope**: 20 May

(1) Morristown Fish Hatchery, Hamblen Co (Ben Britton). **Caspian Tern**: 9 Apr (2) TN R, Hamilton Co (KAC); 14 Apr (2) John Sevier L (SHu); 21 / 28 Apr (1 / 5) Rankin Bottoms (MBS); 22 Apr (2) Austin Springs (RLK); 23 May (1) Chickamauga L (SGS). **Forster's Tern**: 8 Apr (6) Upper Douglas L, Cocke Co (MBS); 13 Apr (2) John Sevier L (SHu); 28 Apr (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS); 28 Apr (2) Austin Springs (RLK); 9 May (10) Nickajack L, Marion Co (TLR); 21 May (3) Tennessee R, Hamilton Co (KAC). **WHITE-WINGED DOVE**: 29 Apr (1) near Pikeville, Bledsoe Co (Starr Klein, CDB, photo), 1st in SE TN. **Mourning Dove**: 25 May (nest on ground, 1 egg) Bledsoe Co (David Vogt). **Black-billed Cuckoo**: 4 May (1) Cross Mtn (Tony Headrick, m.ob.); 17 May (1) Greene Co (DHM). **Barn Owl**: 14 Apr (ad with 3 yg) Bible Refuge (DHM). **Common Nighthawk**: 13 Apr (1) John Sevier L (SHu), ers. **Eastern Whip-poor-will**: 29 Mar (1) separate Hamilton Co sites (KAC / DA), ers. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**: 31 Mar (1) Signal Mtn, Hamilton Co (Alix Parks), ers; 3 Apr (1) Fall Branch, Washington Co (Lia Pritchard), new early date in NE TN.

Flycatcher - Thrush: **Olive-sided Flycatcher**: 28 Apr (1) Bandy Cr area, Big South Fork, Scott Co (Charles Nicholson); 15 May (1) Knoxville (Dean Edwards). **Eastern Wood-Pewee**: 21 Apr (1) Knoxville (Dean Edwards), ers. **Least Flycatcher**: 27 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (DRJ, David Hollie); 5 May (1) Cross Mtn (RDH, DMy). **Eastern Kingbird**: 2 Apr (1) Steele Cr Park, Sullivan Co (DAH), new early date in NE TN. **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**: 29 Apr - 1 May (3-12) Bledsoe Co, valley portion (CDB, Starr Klein et al.); 14 / 27 May (pair, nest) South Pittsburgh, Marion Co (KAC / Jimmy and Cynthia Wilkerson). **White-eyed Vireo**: 25 Mar (1) Greenway Farm (DA), ers. **Yellow-throated Vireo**: 2 Apr (1) Greenway Farm (DA), ers. **Warbling Vireo**: 14 Apr (1) Kingsport (RAP), ers; 27 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (DRJ, David Hollie), rare in SE TN; 2 May (1) Phipps Bend (RAP); 4 May (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS); reported from 10-12 sites in Washington and Sullivan Cos (m.ob.). **Fish Crow**: 15-29 Mar (2+) Tennessee River corridor, Knox Co (KW, KBu / Chris Welsh); 9 Apr (3) Camp Jordan, Hamilton Co (KAC); 18 Apr (2) Ooltewah, Hamilton Co (David Stone); 26 Apr (2) Standifer Gap Marsh (David Chaffin). **Common Raven**: 16 Mar (1) Kingsport (RAP); 16 Mar (2) Limestone (RLK); 13 Apr (1) Johnson City (RLK); 6 May (2) near Warrensburg, Greene Co (DHM); 21 May (2) Conklin, Washington Co (RLK). **Purple Martin**: 1 Mar (1) Ooltewah, Hamilton Co (David Stone), ers; 31 May (nest in broken light fixture) Melton Hill Park, Knox Co (Carole Gobert), unusual nest site. **Bank Swallow**: 23 Apr (2) Eagle Bend (RDH, DMy), ers. **Cliff Swallow**: 18 Mar (6) Rankin Bottoms (MBS), ers; 22 May (fledged yg) Kingsport (RAP), new early date for fledged yg according to the Breeding Bird Atlas. **Barn Swallow**: 23 May (fledged yg) Washington Co (RLK), new early date for fledged yg according to the Breeding Bird Atlas. **Brown-headed Nuthatch**: 25 Mar (1) Cove Lake SP, Campbell Co (Frank Renfrow), 1st Co record. **House Wren**: 25 Mar (1) Greenway Farm (DA), ers. **Sedge Wren**: 24 Apr (5) Kyker Bottoms (KW, KBu). **Marsh Wren**: from winter thru 7 Apr (1-2) Alcoa (TH); from Feb - 14 Apr (1) Kingsport (RLK, RAP); 14 Mar (1) Beech Cr, Hawkins Co (SHu); 14 Apr (1) Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Greene Co (DHM); 6 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (KAC). **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**: 20 Mar (1) White's Mill Refuge, Blount Co (Carole Gobert), ers. **Veery**:

25 Apr (1) Craven's House (KAC), ers. **Gray-cheeked Thrush**: 19 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (KBu, KW), ers. **Wood Thrush**: 7 Apr (1) Hamilton Co (DA), ers.

Warblers: **Louisiana Waterthrush**: 13 Mar (1) Signal Mtn, Sequatchie Co (CDB), ers. **Northern Waterthrush**: 12 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (TLR et al.), ers. **Worm-eating Warbler**: 5 Apr (4) Frozen Head (MJW), ers. **Blue-winged Warbler**: 2 Apr (1) Roane Co (CE, LE), ers. **Golden-winged Warbler**: 14 Apr (1) Cross Mtn (CE, LE), ers. **Black-and-white Warbler**: 1 Apr (1) Knoxville (Carole Gobert), ers. **Prothonotary Warbler**: 11 Apr (2) Seven Is Refuge, Knox Co (KBu, KW), ers; also reported from Rankin Bottoms, Phipps Bend, Kinser Park (Greene Co), and Austin Springs. **Swainson's Warbler**: 4 May (2) Cove Lake SP, Campbell Co (Tony Headrick, m.ob.). **Tennessee Warbler**: 14 Apr (1) Chattanooga Nature Center (Kyle Waggener et al.), ers. **Orange-crowned Warbler**: 2 Apr (2 banded) Greenway Farm (DA); 12 Apr (2) Craven's House (TLR et al.). **Nashville Warbler**: 12 Apr (1) Craven's House (TLR et al.), ers. **Connecticut Warbler**: 12 May (1) Craven's House (KAC). **Mourning Warbler**: 11 May (1) Kingsport (RAP); 12 May (1) Craven's House (KAC). **Common Yellowthroat**: 25 Mar (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (DEP), ers. **Hooded Warbler**: 5 Apr (1) Frozen Head (MJW), ers. **American Redstart**: 5 Apr (4) Frozen Head (MJW), ers. **Cape May Warbler**: 15 Apr (1) Craven's House (KAC, DRJ), ers. **Cerulean Warbler**: 5 Apr (6) Frozen Head (MJW), ers on breeding grounds; 10 Apr (2) Craven's House (TLR), ers; 6 May (1) Greeneville (DHM), only report; none reported in Tri-cities area. **Blackburnian Warbler**: 5 Apr (2) Frozen Head (MJW), ers. **Yellow Warbler**: 26 Mar (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (DEP), ers. **Chestnut-sided Warbler**: 12 Apr (1) Craven's House (TLR et al.), ers. **Black-throated Blue Warbler**: 29 Apr (2 males) Craven's House (TLR et al.); 6 May (1) Sharp's Ridge, Knox Co (Shane Williams). **Palm Warbler**: 3 / 10 Mar (1) Bible Refuge (DHM); 18 Mar (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS). **Yellow-throated Warbler**: 22 Mar (2) Chattanooga Nature Center (Kyle Waggener), ers. **Prairie Warbler**: 2 Apr (2) Rankin Bottoms (KBu, KW, Craig Watson), ers. **Black-throated Green Warbler**: 25 Mar (1) Greenway Farm (DA), ers. **Wilson's Warbler**: 12 May (1) Craven's House (TLR).

Sparrow - Siskin: **Grasshopper Sparrow**: 1 Apr (2) Limestone (Jim D. Anderson), new early date in NE TN. **Henslow's Sparrow**: 1 May (1) Bledsoe Co, plateau portion (EKL). **White-crowned Sparrow**: 21 May (1, singing and seen) Kingsport (Andy Jones), inside Lowe's garden center, but with easy access outside; lrs. **Summer Tanager**: 10 Apr (1) Craven's House (TLR et al.), ers. **Scarlet Tanager**: 5 Apr (2) Frozen Head (MJW), ers. **Northern Cardinal**: 2 Apr (nest, 3 eggs) Johnson City (RLK), very early. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**: 15 Apr (1) Craven's House (KAC, DRJ), ers. **Blue Grosbeak**: 17 Apr (1) Johnson City (FJA), ers. **Indigo Bunting**: 14 Apr (1) Chattanooga Nature Center (Kyle Waggener), ers. **Dickcissel**: 29 Apr - 12 May (2-4) Chattanooga Riverport (KAC et al.); 1 May (2 / 1) Bledsoe Co, separate sites (Steve and Gail Clendenen / Steve Stedman); 4 May thru season (1-3) Limestone (RLK, m.ob.), 17th consecutive year; 4 May (1) Tri-cities Airport, Sullivan Co (RBB, RMC), for 2nd year; 9-10 May (1) Van Buren Co (DHM); 20-21 May (3-5) near Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Greene Co (Ben Britton, KW); 20 May (1)

Conklin, Washington Co (DHM); 21 May (3) Bible Refuge (KW). **Bobolink**: 29 Apr (150) Chattanooga Riverport (KAC et al.), max. **Yellow-headed Blackbird**: 26-27 Apr (1 im male) Standifer Gap Marsh (Libby Wolfe, Janice Chadwell, m.ob., photos). **Pine Siskin**: 12 Mar (1) Johnson City (Kathy Noblet); 30-31 Mar (3) Sewannee, Franklin Co (Jim Peters); only reports.

Locations: Alcoa, Blount Co; Austin Springs, Washington Co; Bible Refuge - unit of Lick Cr Bottoms WMA, Greene Co; Chickamauga L, Hamilton Co; Craven's House - unit of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Hamilton Co; Cross Mtn, Campbell Co; Eagle Bend - fish hatchery, Anderson Co; Frozen Head, Morgan Co; Greenway Farm, Hamilton Co; John Sevier L, Hawkins Co; Kyker Bottoms, Blount Co; Limestone, Washington Co; Paddle Cr, Sullivan Co; Phipps Bend, Hawkins Co; Rankin Bottoms, Cocke Co; Standifer Gap Marsh, Hamilton Co.

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EASTERN MOUNTAIN REGION - - The average temperature in March was the warmest on record for that month, at over 10 degrees above normal. March 20th was the hottest, reaching 85 degrees. May was exceptionally warm, also. Precipitation was approximately two inches below normal for the period. About an inch of snow fell on the summit of Roan Mountain on 23 April during a brief cold snap.

The warm temperatures early in the period brought an early migration. Several early arrival dates were set. Notable nesting records included a Great Blue Heron nest within the boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker digging a nest cavity in Carter County. A pair of Peregrine Falcons in the Doe River Gorge appeared to be on territory, but evidently did not nest successfully. It will be interesting to see if they return next spring. Another Peregrine was seen at the recent nest site in the Smokies.

Goose - Falcon **Greater White-fronted Goose**: from Feb thru 18 Apr (1) Great Lakes Pond (TSM, Brookie and Jean Potter, m.ob.). **Cackling Goose**: 15 Mar (1) Unicoi Co (JHM); 18 Mar (1) Great Lakes Pond (RBB, TSM, RMC, m.ob.); same bird? **Gadwall**: 3 Mar (61) Watauga L (TSM), max. **Ring-necked Duck**: 3 Mar (110) Watauga L (TSM), max. **Greater Scaup**: 3 Mar (4) Watauga L (TSM). **Red-breasted Merganser**: 31 Mar - 11 Apr (6-15) South Holston L (RLK, m.ob.). **Common Loon**: 5 Apr (1, fly-over) Unicoi Co (FJA). **Horned Grebe**: 11 Mar (24) South Holston L (RBB, RMC), max; 2 Apr (1) Shady Valley (John Shumate), unusual location. **Eared Grebe**: thru 1 Apr (1-3) South Holston L (RLK, JWC, m.ob.), lrs. **American Bittern**: 31 Mar / 14 Apr (1) Shady Valley (John Shumate / TSM). **Great Blue Heron**: 25 Mar (pair at nest) GSMNP, at jct. of hwy 73 and Laurel Cr Rd (Damien Simbeck). **Great Egret**: 5 Apr (4) Great Lakes Pond (TSM); 27 Apr (1) Watauga R, Carter Co (RLK). **Green Heron**: 21 Mar (1) Sycamore Shoals SP, Carter

Co (RLK), new early date in NE TN. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**: 26 Mar (2) Sycamore Shoals SP, Carter Co (Harry Farthing), ers, 3 nests failed in Apr. **Bald Eagle**: 1 Mar (1 ad) Chilhowie L, Blount Co (WB); 5 / 28 Apr (1 ad) separate Unicoi Co sites (FJA / JHM); 21 May (1 ad) Watauga L (JHM), late. **Broad-winged Hawk**: 2 Apr (1) Erwin (JHM), ers. **Red-shouldered Hawk**: 20 May (2) Unaka Mtn (DAH, Andy Jones et al.). **Merlin**: 5 Apr (1) Erwin (FJA); 22 Apr (1) Bald Mtn, Greene Co (DHM). **Peregrine Falcon**: 1 Mar (1) Foothills Parkway, Blount Co (WB); 12 Mar (2) Wilbur L, Carter Co (RLK, BP, JP), apparently these were same birds seen later at nearby Doe R Gorge; 14 Mar (1) Alum Cave Bluff, GSMNP (TH); 24 Apr thru season (2) Doe River Gorge, Carter Co (Peter Range, RLK).

Rail - Sapsucker: **Virginia Rail**: 17 Mar (1) Wear Valley, Sevier Co (KBu, KW); 18 Mar (1) Quarry Bog, Shady Valley (TSM, RBB, RMC). **Sora**: 22 / 29 Apr (1) Quarry Bog, Shady Valley (RBB, TSM); 28 Apr (1) Orchard Bog, Shady Valley (Richard Lewis). **Sandhill Crane**: 31 Mar (2) near Hickory Tree, Sullivan Co (RBB, RMC). **Semipalmated Plover**: 11 May (1) Shady Valley (RLK), 1st record. **Solitary Sandpiper**: 22 May (1) near Elizabethton (RLK), lrs. **Willet**: 28 Apr (16) Parksville L, Polk Co (Rick Houlk). **Semipalmated Sandpiper**: 9 May (2) near Elizabethton (TSM). **Least Sandpiper**: 9 May (19) near Elizabethton (TSM), max; 11 May (5) Shady Valley (RLK). **American Woodcock**: 14 Apr (1) Shady Valley (TSM); 7 Apr thru season (1-3) Carver's Gap, Roan Mtn (RLK, m.ob.). **Herring Gull**: 31 Mar (1) South Holston L (RBB, TSM, RMC), lrs. **Caspian Tern**: 10-23 Apr (1-5) South Holston L (RRK, m.ob.). **Forster's Tern**: 8 / 15 Apr (3 / 1) South Holston L (RBB, RMC / JWC). **Black-billed Cuckoo**: 15 Apr (1) near Hickory Tree, Sullivan Co (MSa); 30 Apr (1) Hampton Cr Cove (RLK), followed by intermittent records; 4 May (1) Holston Valley (Richard Lewis); 6 May (1) Ripshin L, Carter Co (RLK); 20 May (1) Unaka Mtn (DAH, Andy Jones et al.). **Northern Saw-whet Owl**: 28 Apr (3) Unaka Mtn (JHM); 18 May (1) Big Bald Mtn, Unicoi Co (Mark Hopey, JHM et al.). 27 May (2) near Newfound Gap, GSMNP (TJW). **Eastern Whip-poor-will**: 26 Mar (1) Del Rio, Cocke Co (MBS, Leslie Gibbens), ers. **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**: 28 Apr (male excavating cavity) Miller L, Carter Co (FJA), see summer report; 20 May (1) Unaka Mtn (DAH, Andy Jones, et al.).

Flycatcher - Thrush: **Alder Flycatcher**: 1 May (1) Carver's Gap, Roan Mtn (NS), new early date in NE TN; 8-20 May (1) Hampton Cr Cove (NS, m.ob.). **Least Flycatcher**: 20 Apr (4) Roan Mtn (RLK), ers. **Loggerhead Shrike**: 15 May (2 ad and 3 yg) Holston Valley (RRK, Gil Derouen, Reese Jamerson), a pair had been present since winter **White-eyed Vireo**: 10 Apr (1) Rich Mtn, Unicoi Co (Darrel Wilder), ers. **Blue-headed Vireo**: 14 Mar (1) Alum Cave Bluff, GSMNP (TH), ers. **Red-eyed Vireo**: 18 Mar (1) Gatlinburg, Sevier Co (KBu), seen and heard, very early. **Marsh Wren**: 23 Mar (2) Wear Valley, Sevier Co (KW, KBu). **Eastern Bluebird**: 30 Apr (1 female) Carver's Gap, Roan Mtn (RLK), unusual at high elevation. **Hermit Thrush**: 6 Apr (2, singing) Roan Mtn, in spruce-fir (TSM, RBB, RMC), ers on breeding grounds. **Wood Thrush**: 6 Apr (1) Roan Mtn (RBB, TSM, RMC), ers.

Warblers: **Ovenbird**: 30 Mar (1) near South Holston L (RMC), new early date in NE TN. **Worm-eating Warbler**: 30 Mar (1) near South Holston L (RMC), new early date in NE TN. **Louisiana Waterthrush**: 14 Mar (1) Alum Cave Bluff trail, GSMNP (TH), ers. **Golden-winged Warbler**: 17 Apr (3) Hampton Cr Cove (MSa), new early date in NE TN. **Blue-winged Warbler**: 14 Apr (1) Simerly Cr, Carter Co (Bryan Stevens), only report. **Black-and-white Warbler**: 19 Mar (1) GSMNP (Shane Williams), ers. **Swainson's Warbler**: 17 Apr (1) Buffalo Mtn, Washington Co (RLK), ers; 21 Apr (1) near Sugarlands, GSMNP (KBu); 22 Apr (2) Shady Valley (TSM, RBB); 28 Apr (5) Bald Mtn, Greene Co (DHM); 4 May (1) Harper's Cr, Sullivan Co (JWC); 11 May (2) Schoolhouse Gap trail, GSMNP (TJW, CSm). **Tennessee Warbler**: 22 Apr (1) Holston Mtn (RBB, TSM), new early date in NE TN. **Hooded Warbler**: 5 Apr (1) Buffalo Mtn, Washington Co (RLK), new early date in NE TN. **American Redstart**: 15 Apr (1) Hampton Cr Cove (NS), ers. **Northern Parula**: 26 Mar (2) Sugarlands, GSMNP (KBu), ers; 3-5 May (pair, nest-building) Roan Mtn SP (MSa, m.ob.), nest of pendent *Usnea* lichen in silver maple, quite low - only about 12 ft above ground, yg fledged in early Jun. **Yellow Warbler**: 10 Apr (1) Holston Valley (RRK, Gil Derouen, Reese Jamerson), ers. **Chestnut-sided Warbler**: 18 Apr (1) Holston Mtn (MSa), ers. **Black-throated Blue Warbler**: 18 Apr (1) Holston Mtn (MSa), ers. **Yellow-throated Warbler**: 19 Mar (1) Pitman Center, Sevier Co (KW), ers. **Prairie Warbler**: 10 Apr (3) Rich Mtn, Unicoi Co (Darrel Wilder), ers. **Black-throated Green Warbler**: 22 Mar (1) Paint Mtn, Greene Co (DHM), ers. **Canada Warbler**: 22 Apr (1) Shady Valley (TSM, RBB), ties early date in NE TN.

Sparrow - Siskin: **White-crowned Sparrow**: 6 May (1) Hampton Cr Cove (MSa, RLK), lrs. **Dark-eyed Junco**: 19 May (1 fledged yg) McQueen Gap, Johnson Co (RLK), new early date for fledged yg in the state according to the Breeding Bird Atlas. **Scarlet Tanager**: 8 Apr (4) Holston Mtn (RBB, TSM), new early date in NE TN. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**: 20 Apr (4) Roan Mtn (RLK), ers. **Indigo Bunting**: 15 Apr (1) Hampton Cr Cove (NS), ers. **Bobolink**: 22 May (1) Cade's Cove, GSMNP (WB). **Orchard Oriole**: 19 May (1) Orchard Bog, Shady Valley (RLK, et al.), few records. **Red Crossbill**: 6 Apr (12) Roan Mtn (TSM, RBB, RMC), max; 28 Apr (2, at feeder) Erwin (fide JHM), for 2nd year; 27 May (6) Indian Gap, GSMNP (TJW). **Pine Siskin**: 26 Mar (5) Sugarlands, GSMNP (KBu); 6 Apr thru season (2-6) Roan Mtn at 4450 ft elevation and (1-16) Roan Mtn - in spruce-fir forest (m.ob.).

Locations: Elizabethton, Carter Co; Erwin, Unicoi Co; Great Lakes Pond, Carter Co; GSMNP - Great Smoky Mtns. National Park; Hampton Cr Cove, Carter Co; Holston Mtn, Carter Co; Holston Valley, Sullivan Co; Roan Mtn, Carter Co; Shady Valley, Johnson Co; South Holston L, Sullivan Co; Unaka Mtn, Unicoi Co; Watauga L, Carter Co.

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Osprey: 3 Dec (1) Nolichucky R, Greene Co (Nata Jackson, photo); 6 Jan (1) John Sevier L (SHu); 18 Feb (1) Hiwassee Refuge (CM), ers; 28 Feb (1) Knox Co (Carol Gobert). **Bald Eagle**: 23 Dec (female incubating), with a hatch date about 28-31 Jan, and 2 young about 8-10 days old on 8 Feb at a nest in Marion Co (Jonnie Sue Lyons), this appears to be the earliest modern nesting date, based on data in the *Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Tennessee;* 28 Jan thru season (pair at new nest) South Holston R, near Bluff City, Sullivan Co (JWC, MSa), 1st nest in Co.

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